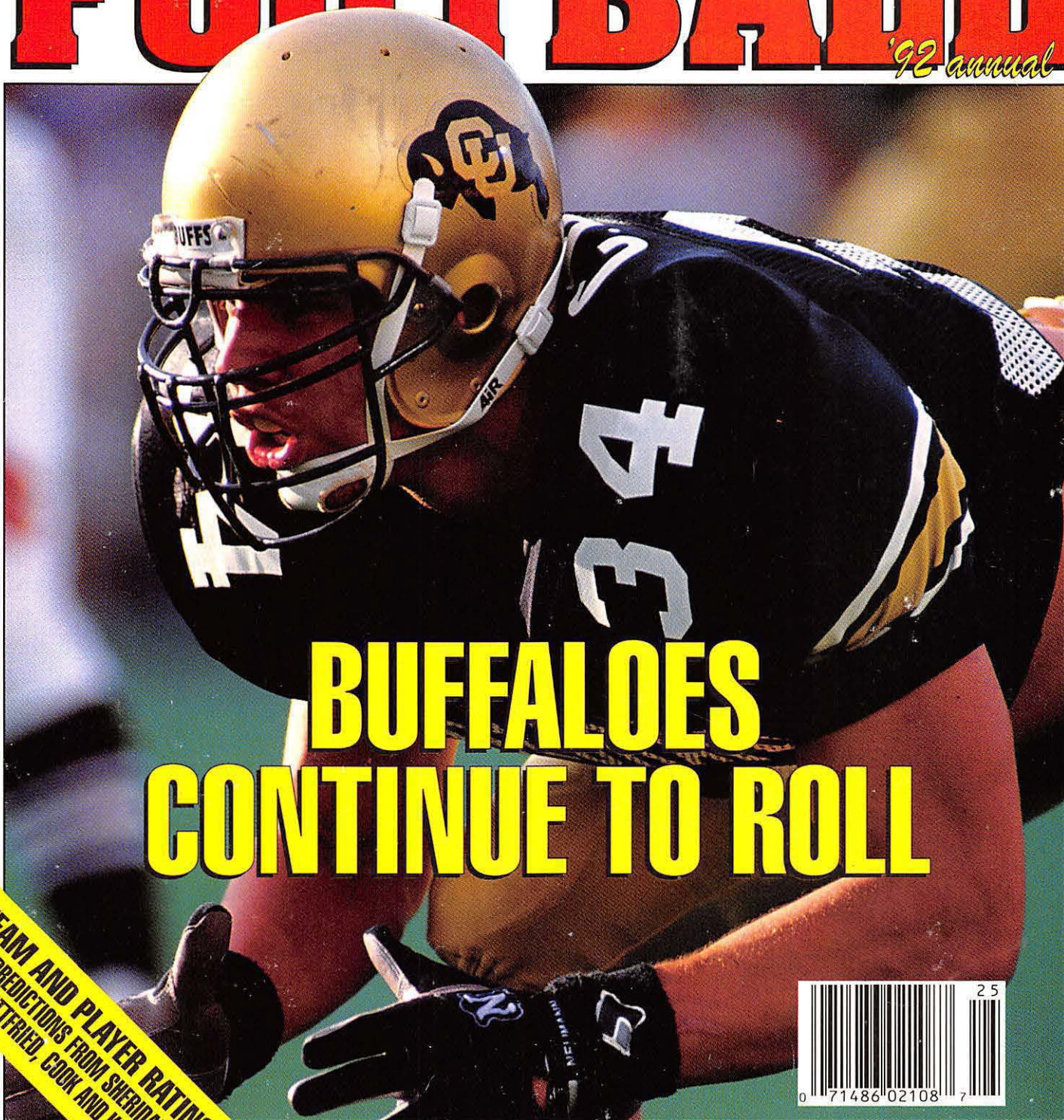


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be innovative, and one feature it introduced last season during its Thursday night telecasts was the "Halftime Blitz," which featured the network's bevy of commentators (Gottfried, Danielson and James, along with Chris Mortensen and Mel Kiper Jr.), who brought viewers up to date on the different conferences around the country, wetting your appetite for the upcoming weekend action with insight and late-breaking news and tidbits.

"Thursday night is a place where no one else is on," said Gottfried, "so it gives you a chance to try and set the stage for what is going to happen on Saturday."

Kiper, who not only serves as the network's NFL draft guru but also handled the Pac-10 and WAC duties for the "Blitz," spoke of its importance.

"It was really interesting to keep pace with these teams throughout the year, and try to bring out interesting tidbits of information which would aid the fan if he was interested in it from a perspective of trying to figure out who would win or lose the game, or if he was interested in personnel evaluation or matchups. Anything to help the fan have a better understanding of what was going to transpire in that particular game.

"For me, it was a tremendous benefit because it allowed me to use that in conjunction with what I do, as far as the scouting of college players."

But back to the studios, where the aforementioned College Game Day and College Football Scoreboard are manned by analyst Lee Corso and host Chris Fowler, (Tim Brando handles halftime duties on Saturdays), who finds the latter show particularly fun. "You really have to just sit there and react to what's happened during the day. It's not the kind of thing you can go into with a lot of planning. You don't write anything for the show. It's totally ad-lib. Lee and I just sit there along with the producer (Dan Steir), watch the games, and try to figure out if there's a trend to the day; if it's an upset day; if it's a blowout day; if there are a lot of great finishes etc. and you kind of come up with the show on the fly.

"I can tell you that the last few hours before we finally go to air are

completely hectic...It's just a huge adrenaline rush when seven o'clock hits. Then it's kind of like a downhill ski run once the show starts, and before you know it, it's over. But it's a lot of fun to do because it's not tightly scripted or tightly formatted. You're reacting to what goes on during the day."

Corso, who begins his fourth season in the studio this fall, after two years in the booth (1987-88), spoke of ESPN's impact. "I think that in the college football world, the coaches, the players and the administrators look for ESPN to set the tempo. I think they ARE college football now..."

"I think it's helped players from the various universities who often times weren't covered," added Kiper. "And it has tremendously aided the coaches who have now become major names in college football and respected for the job they've done because people have seen them.

"ESPN has made a lot of money for a lot of coaches, more so than players. The players are going to be found.

If there's a guy in Timbuktu, they (NFL scouts) are going to find him. But where would Bill Lewis have been without that kind of exposure?"

Lewis' East Carolina Pirates were one of the Cinderella stories of the '91 season, finishing with an 11-1 mark, including a win in the Peach Bowl. But the Pirates made just two national TV appearances—both on ESPN. Exposure of the Pirate program made people aware of the job Lewis had done. And when Bobby Ross decided to leave Georgia Tech last December for the NFL, Lewis not only became a prime candidate, but got the job.

So with an expanded Thursday night schedule this fall, (seven to nine games in 1992) and more of what has made them good, viewers should expect bigger and better things from ESPN's college football team this season. "We have so many games all over the country," said Corso, "and cover all the parameters. We're really the spokesman, in my opinion, for college football." □

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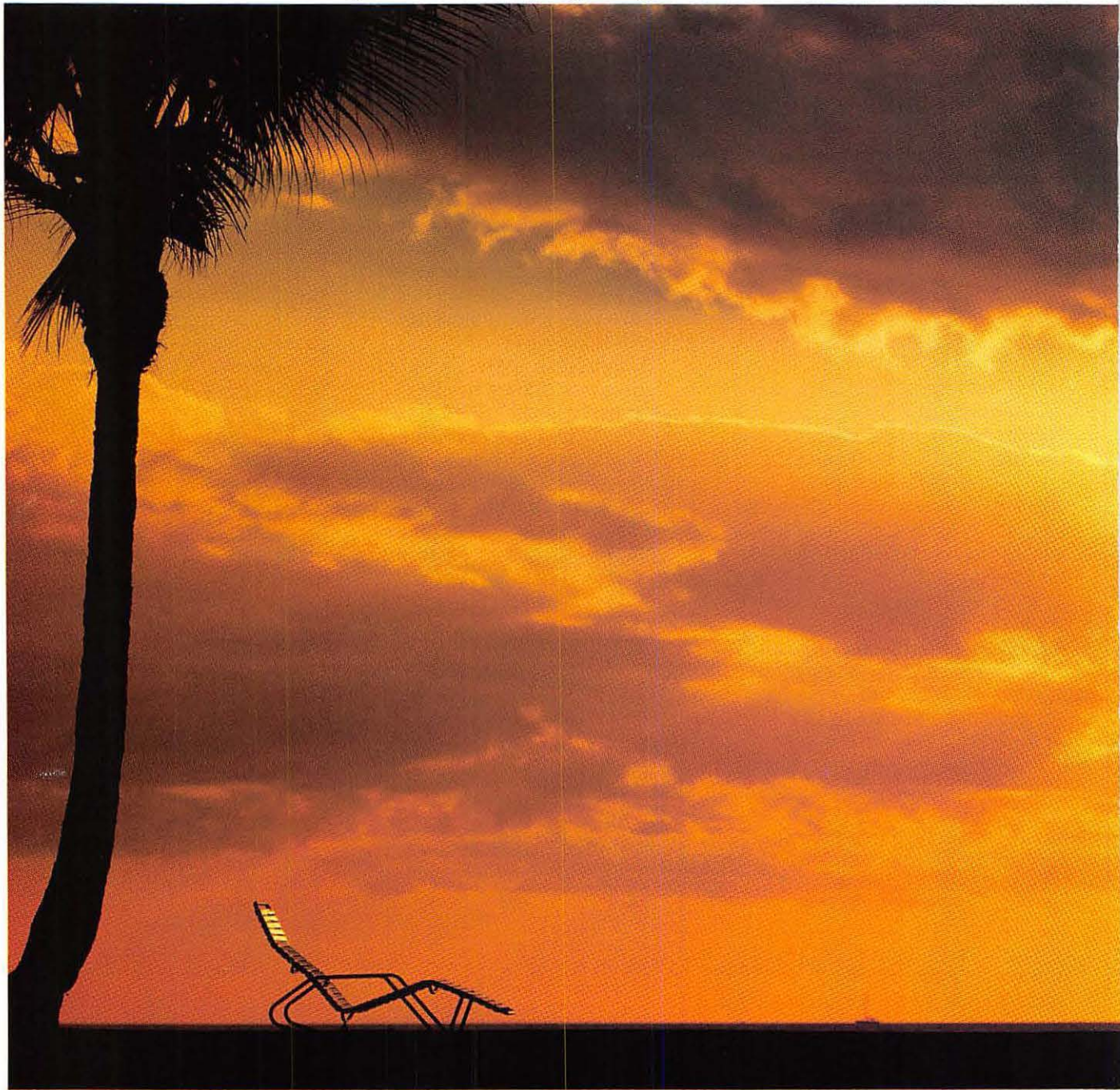
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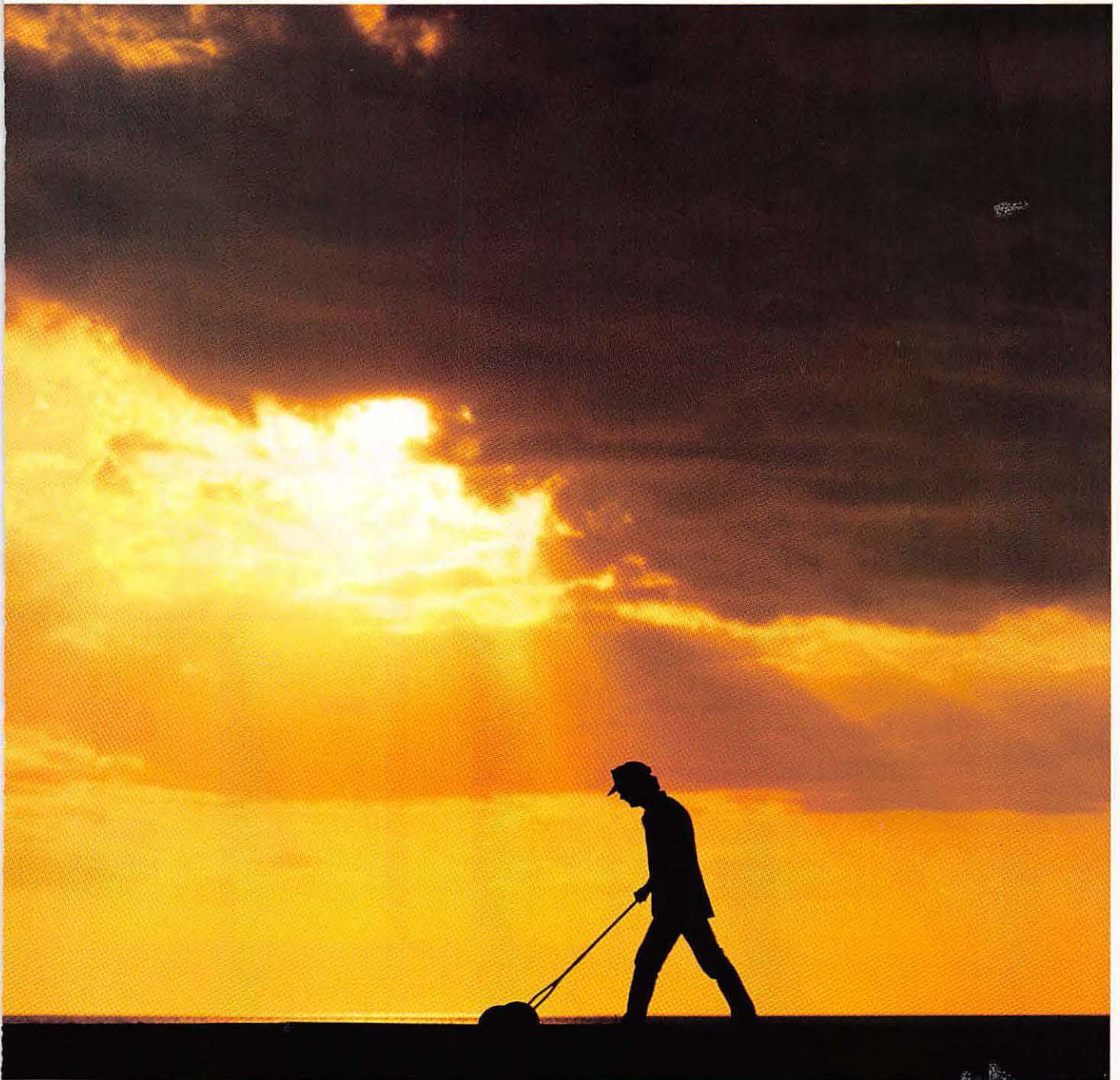
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**Versatile
Athletes
Disregard
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SIZE

By DOUG DOUGHTY

Football recruiters have a term for running backs who are considered too small to run inside or quarterbacks who can't throw deep. They are called "athletes," which previously meant that coaches didn't know where to play them.

Now, it's a matter of where not to play them. Teams are looking for speed, and size is no obstacle. It's the same in pro football, where every team has a player like the Giants' 5-foot-7 Dave Meggett, or is trying to draft one.

"Different things influence the game," said Gene Stallings, who was a coach in the National Football League for 20 years, "and, with the emergence of the run-and-shoot (offense), pro ball has gone to the small wide receivers and the small defensive backs to cover them. I can remember a time when there were hardly any defensive backs in the NFL under 6 feet."

Special teams were traditionally a home for shorter, quicker players; but on the college level, the success of players like Raghib "Rocket" Ismail and Desmond Howard has prompted coaches to move away from such specialization.

Stallings, entering his third season at Alabama, has one of the nation's premier return men in David Palmer, a 5-foot-9, 170-pound sophomore. However, Stallings isn't about to limit Palmer to punts and kickoffs.

Palmer started five games at wide receiver for the Crimson Tide and even took some snaps at quarterback, his position at Jackson-Olin High School in Birmingham, Ala. His role should become even greater this year.

"We worked him a little bit more at quarterback in the spring," Stallings said. "We've given him more of a package. I'd like for him to touch the ball 15 to 19 times a game."

"He has become an excellent receiver, who takes pride in his routes and loves to catch the ball. I thought he'd play quite a bit as a freshman, but with more impact as a return man than a receiver."

Palmer was one of the most dangerous punt returners in the country, with a 16.1-yard average that ranked third behind Virginia Tech's Bo Campbell and Howard, the Heisman Trophy winner from Michigan. Palmer returned three punts for touchdowns — more than anybody in Division I-A.

Palmer touched the ball 69 times in 11 games (17 receptions, 10 kickoff returns, 24 punt returns and 18 rushing attempts), but still finished with 1,113 all-purpose yards. That didn't count a 15-yard completion to Danny Woodson on his first pass attempt.

All-purpose yardage includes rushing attempts, receptions and returns. It is different from total offense, which is a combination of rushing and passing yardage.

The Division I-A leader in all-purpose yardage — by more than 700 yards — was University of the Pacific junior Ryan Benjamin. Benjamin, sixth in Division I-A in rushing with 1,581 yards, also had 798 yards in kickoff returns and 612 in receptions.

"I wasn't really paying attention to the all-purpose stats until the coach (Walt Harris) said, 'One of our guys is leading the nation,'" Benjamin said. "I started to pay a lot more attention after that."

David Palmer does it all for the Crimson Tide.

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Benjamin, a junior college transfer, suffered a wrist injury in 1990 and gained an extra year of eligibility. He considered transferring when Pacific abandoned the I-formation in favor of the run-and-shoot.

Pacific boasted a Heisman Trophy hopeful in quarterback Troy Kopp, and one of the nation's top receivers in Aaron Turner. Still, there was no shortage of activity for Benjamin, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards in 12 games.

"I've always been a running back, but kickoff returns were fairly new to me," said Benjamin, who is listed at 5-foot-7 and 174 pounds. "I'd like to try punt returns this year because I'm always trying to add to what I can do."

"I wasn't recruited the way you would have thought out of junior college, even though I was a junior college All-American. A lot of it was because of my size, but I consider my size to be an advantage. Other teams can't see me as well."

Benjamin finished with 2,995 all-purpose yards, second on the Division I-A all-time list. The record of 3,250 was set in 1988 by Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders, who also set the Division I-A rushing record that year with 2,628 yards.

It is unusual to find a team whose primary running back also handles all returns. Benjamin, for example, returned only one punt. However, Stanford coach Bill Walsh plans to give senior Glyn Milburn all the work he can handle.

"I expect to use Glyn as we used Darrin Nelson in 1977 and '78," said Walsh, in his second tour as the Cardinal's head coach. "We

plan on taking advantage of all of his abilities. He is without question one of the most talented backs in college football."

Milburn, who spent his first year at Oklahoma, led Division I-A in all-purpose yardage in 1990, when his numbers compared favorably with Ismail's in almost all categories. He led the Pac-10 in receptions, was second in kickoff returns, and third in punt returns.

Last year, Milburn suffered a knee injury in Stanford's second game and Tommy Vardell took over as the Cardinal's primary rushing threat. Nevertheless, Milburn enjoyed a career game when he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns and caught seven passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns against Oregon State.

"I think 3,000 yards is a possibility, particularly since we play an extra game against Texas A&M (in the Pigskin Classic)," Milburn said. "After my sophomore year, I had high expectations, but, after my injury, I had to get my mind back into an aggressive mode."

"My role was somewhat limited last year to more of a receiver and punt returner. I think Coach Walsh understands that with a player my size, it's not a matter of size: it's a question of mental toughness and speed."

"I've never missed a game because of injury. I think my size is a big advantage in helping me miss tacklers. Since it's harder for them to get a shot at me, I don't think they're looking for the big licks."

At 5-foot-9 and 175 pounds, Milburn is roughly the same size as Palmer, Rocket Ismail (5-10, 175) and Howard (5-9, 170). In comparison, Qadry "the Missile" Ismail, is almost a giant. The Missile, a 6-foot-0, 190-pound senior, led the Orangemen in receptions and rushed 12 times for 216 yards and three touchdowns.

“A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK I COULD TAKE THE POUNDING, BUT I DON'T LET GUYS GET A GOOD LICK ON ME. IT'S ALL ABOUT MAKING PEOPLE MISS.”

It is difficult to find too many all-purpose running backs at Milburn's size, but Washington senior Beno Bryant is cut from a similar cloth. Bryant, listed at 5-foot-11 and 178 pounds, had 1,330 all-purpose yards for the co-No.1 Huskies.

Bryant led Washington in rushing last year with 903 yards, but it was as a return man that he made his reputation. He returned three punts for touchdowns as a sophomore in 1990, when he averaged 15.6 yards per return, and holds the Huskies' record for punt-return yardage in a career.

"I think we're pretty similar in the kind of players we are," Milburn said, "but because of the systems we're in, we seem different. They run more of a ball-control offense, but we're more likely to (pass) to a back out of the backfield."

Nobody has been more versatile than Gordie Lockbaum, the ex-Holy Cross star who played offense and defense in the mid-1980s, but Virginia may have the next-best thing in junior wide receiver and return specialist Larry Holmes.

Holmes started the first two games of the season at cornerback before moving to offense. He caught a 50-yard touchdown pass against Georgia Tech in his first game and led the ACC in touchdown receptions with eight.

"I was definitely recruited as an athlete, which is good and bad," said Holmes, a 5-foot-9, 181-pounder. "It means there's probably going to be a place for you to play, but if you take a while to settle in,

your career may be over."

Virginia originally projected Holmes as a third-down running back, which is about the only role he hasn't filled. Even after moving to wide receiver, he continued to handle punts and kick-offs.

"I think your punt returners are probably better athletes, but I think it's harder to be a good kickoff returner," Holmes said. "I love them both. I'd never want to be so valuable that I couldn't play special teams."

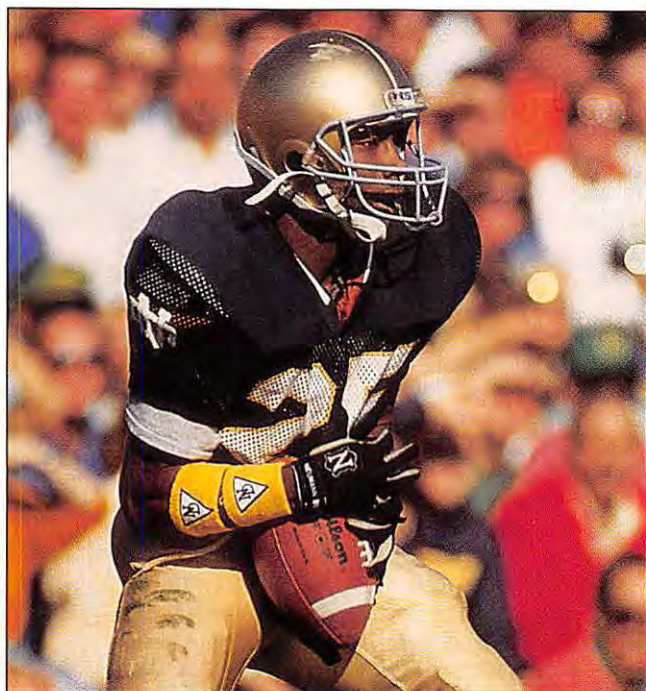
"I never, ever, considered my size to be a handicap. No matter how much it was mentioned to me, I never thought about my size when I was on a football field."

Holmes scored 58 touchdowns at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., 27 on plays of 50 yards or more. He was a running back for most of the time, but

started at quarterback as a freshman. On a dare from a teammate, he threw a ball 65 yards during warmups for the Gator Bowl.

Palmer played quarterback throughout his high-school career, and was recruited by Arkansas to play quarterback in an option-style attack. "I had a pretty decent arm; I could throw the deep ball," said Palmer, who eventually hopes to play second base for the Crimson Tide baseball team.

As a youngster, Palmer's idols were Tony Dorsett, Billy Sims, even Gale Sayers, who was a



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star before he was born. Palmer's favorite current athlete is Deion Sanders "because he's flashy," Palmer said. "He talks a lot, but he backs it up."

Sanders is a defensive back-return specialist, but Palmer says he has not modeled himself after any return men. He hasn't watched Rocket Ismail play much, but admits he doesn't mind the comparisons.

"He's the best kick returner I ever saw," said Stallings of Palmer. "He has good speed, not blinding speed, but he has a great knack for eluding tacklers. I don't worry about him getting tired. I remember seeing him in high school and he never left the field."

Palmer estimates that he lined up at quarterback no more than six times all last season. "Other teams wouldn't know what to expect," he said. "They would say, 'Look out for the trick play.' I'd like to be known for more than trick plays."

But Palmer doesn't want to be a full-time quarterback or even a full-time tailback, his first love. He likes the idea of being in the open and having room to run his routes, execute a few reverses, and improvise.

Besides, he's still getting accustomed to the idea that players his size can absorb a beating at the point of attack.

"I never thought I would be (widely) recruited because of my size," he said. "A lot of people didn't think I could take the pounding, but I don't let guys get a good lick on me. It's all about making people miss." □



The diminutive Desmond Howard will add his receiving / return skills to the world champion Redskins.



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TOP 25 NATIONAL PICKS

By John Hadley



1. NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish enter the 1992 campaign with talent comparable to most, assisted by a schedule conducive for success. The skilled position talent is plentiful and the offensive front has dominating potential. Another asset is the fact that Coach Lou Holtz accepted a long term contract, providing stability this program has lacked, publicly, for a couple of years.

Keys to Success: The continued progression and maturation of quarterback Rick Mirer. An injury-free season along the defensive front. Holtz and Co. are thin in the trenches and defensive tackles Bryant Young and Eric Jones are recovering from knee injuries suffered last season.

Key Games: Michigan, Sept. 12; at Michigan State, Sept. 19; Stanford, Oct. 3; Penn State, Nov. 14; at Southern Cal, Nov. 28. The Fighting Irish have the luxury of playing the "big boys" at home. In fact, the Fighting Irish play five road games against teams which failed to post a winning record last season.



2. FLORIDA STATE

Is it possible that the Seminoles may be underrated? Yes. This could prove to be Coach Bobby Bowden's best defensive unit during his tenure in Tallahassee. The Seminoles linebacking corps could prove to be the nation's best, the defensive front will be their best in nearly a decade and the secondary has an abundance of big-play types. Based solely on talent, the 'Noles may've topped this list, however their schedule assures a difficult journey. The Seminoles play five road games against teams which earned bowl bids last year.

Key to Success: The development of a quarterback.
Key Games: at Clemson, Sept. 12; at North Carolina State, Sept. 19; at Miami, Oct. 3; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 17; at Virginia, Oct. 31; Florida, Nov. 28.



3. WASHINGTON

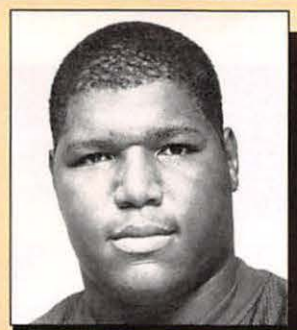
Coach Don James boasts the nation's best offensive

LINDY'S 1992 OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICANS



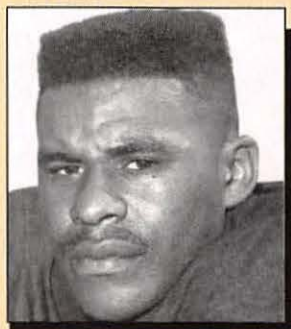
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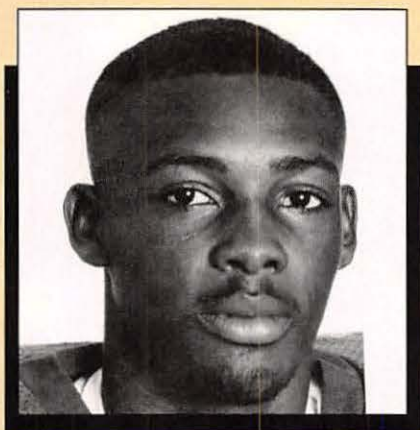
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Washington
6-7
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Sr.



JEROME BETTIS

FB
Notre Dame
6-0
247
Jr.



DAVID PALMER
PRESEASON OFFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR
All-Purpose, Alabama, 5-9, 170, So.



EVERETT LINDSAY

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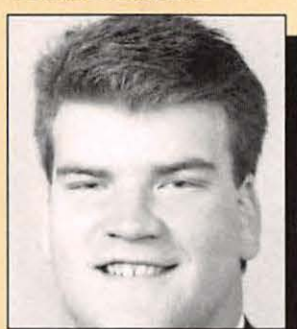
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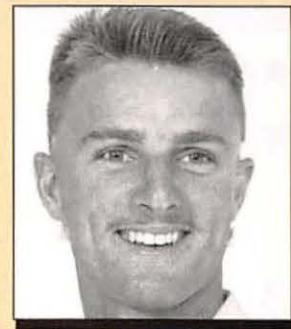
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State
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MIKE DEVLIN

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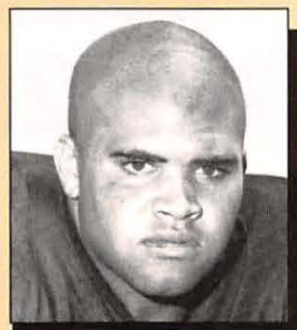
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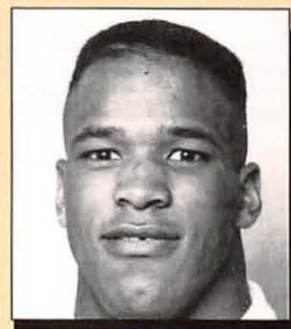
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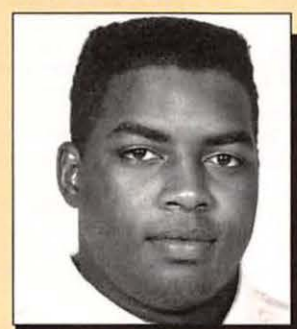
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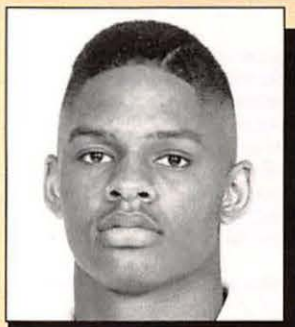
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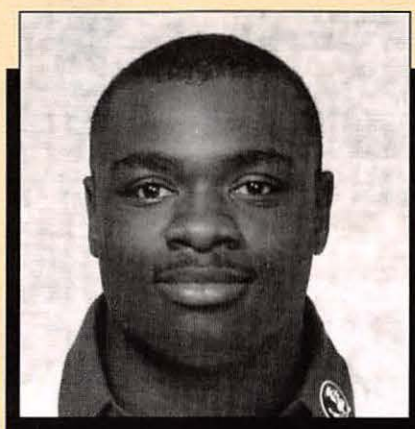
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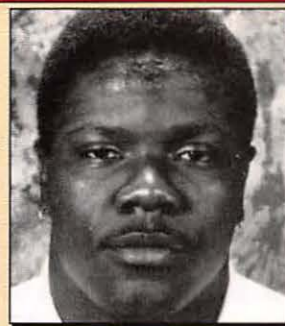


CARLTON GRAY

CB
UCLA
6-0
183
Sr.



MARVIN JONES
PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR
LB, Florida State, 6-2, 220, Jr.



MACK TRAVIS

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California
6-2
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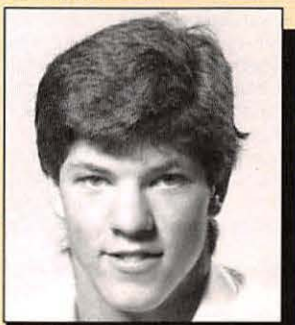
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RUSTY MEDEARIS

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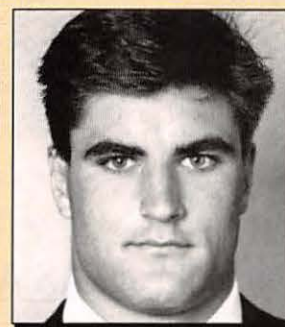
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CHAD BROWN

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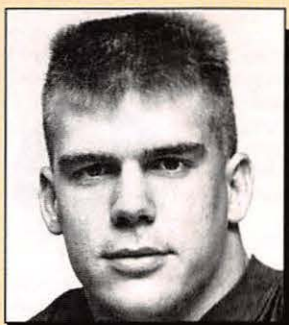
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GREG GRANDISON

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DAVID HOFFMAN

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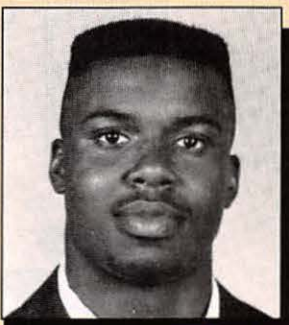
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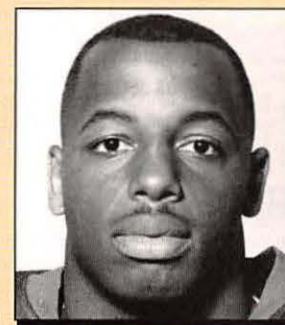
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MARCUS BUCKLEY

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DANA STUBBLEFIELD

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Kansas
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backfield and secondary. The offensive and defensive lines are solid, although lacking proven depth, and the linebacking unit is among the quickest in the land. Yes, the Huskies are capable of repeating.

Keys to Success: The emergence of a dominant defensive force and leader to replace defensive tackle Steve Emtman, as well as a big play performer at receiver to alleviate the pressure from a superb running game.

Key Games: at Arizona State, Sept. 5; Nebraska, Sept. 19; Southern Cal, Oct. 3; California, Oct. 10; Stanford, Oct. 31; at Washington State, Nov. 21. The Huskies play their toughest foes at home. However, the season opener at Arizona State and finale at Washington State could prove difficult. The latter has always proved a formidable foe and the Sun Devils, now with Bruce Snyder at the helm, have registered numerous upsets in Tempe.



4. MIAMI

The Hurricanes have the nation's best program, and arguably the game's best coach. However, because of question marks in the offensive backfield and along the offensive front, the 'Canes are denied the top spot.

Quarterback Gino Torretta must prove he's a difference maker. The 'Canes possess a group of receivers and defensive linemen which could prove to be the school's finest. In fact, the defensive line could be the best collegiate unit in memory. If the 'Canes can answer the aforementioned questions positively, expect their October 3 showdown with Florida State to decide which team will contend Notre Dame for the National Championship in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

Keys to Success: Stability in the offensive line and consistent play in the secondary.

Key Games: at Iowa, Sept. 5; Florida State, Oct. 3; at Penn State, Oct. 10; at Syracuse, Nov. 21; at San Diego State, Nov. 28.



5. MICHIGAN

The Wolverines annually are afforded elite status in the preseason polls and rightfully so, their talent base is well-stocked. However, annually the Wolverines are among the nation's most disappointing teams in big games. Despite having the talent to

be competitive, the Wolves were embarrassed against Florida State and Washington last season. Will 1992 finally be the year that this program lives up to billing? They have a superb starting lineup with excellent depth in the offensive backfield and at linebacker.

Keys to Success: Proving themselves in the games that count and improved play in the secondary.

Key Games: at Notre Dame, Sept. 12; Iowa, Oct. 3; Michigan State, Oct. 10; at Ohio State, Nov. 21.



6. TEXAS A&M

Simply stated the Aggies are afforded this lofty position because this program is superior to its conference competition. Coach R.C. Slocum and Co. should walk through the Southwest Conference without being tested and are capable of beating their non-conference competition. This is not an overpowering team and may not be one of the six best in the country. However, an 11-0 regular season, considering the schedule, is a possibility.

Key to Success: Establishing consistency at quarterback along with improvement along the defensive front.

Key Games: at Louisiana State, Sept. 5; at Missouri, Sept. 19; at Texas, Nov. 26.



7. GEORGIA

Coach Ray Goff, after experiencing the valley of disappointment earlier, is about to enjoy the spoils of success. Many questioned whether Goff would succeed in Athens. That's no longer a point of contention. The new question is just how good are these 'Dawgs? They boast the nation's best one-two-punch in quarterback Eric Zeier to Andre Hastings, arguably the nation's best receiver. The offensive line should be excellent and

there's ample talent among the running backs. The defense, although lacking experience, has a handful of big-play types.

Keys to Success: The collective success of a handful of newcomers to bolster the defense. The ability to fill holes in secondary and at inside linebacker will determine if the Bulldogs are contenders or pretenders.

Key Games: Tennessee, Sept. 12; Florida in Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 31; at Auburn, Nov. 14; Georgia Tech, Nov. 28.

8. ALABAMA

The Crimson Tide will field a competitive starting 22 featuring all-purpose extraordinary David Palmer. Experience, schedule and Palmer are the reasons why



Coach Gene Stallings has a shot at the national crown. The offensive and defensive fronts are superb. There is ample talent at the skilled-positions on both sides of the ball and there's Palmer. He has the ability to set the standards by which others are rated. Yes, he's potentially better than Raghib Ismail and Desmond Howard. As is usually the case, the schedule is soft, which lends to the Crimson Tide attaining this position.

Key to Success: Quarterback Jay Barker is continuing to improve.

Key Games: at Tennessee, Oct. 17; at Mississippi State, Nov. 14; Auburn in Birmingham, Nov. 26.



9. UCLA

How quickly times change. It was just three years ago when UCLA Coach Terry Donohue was being billed as the best in the business. Nowadays there's contemplation whether the game's passed him by. The Bruins lost quarterback Tommy Maddox because of what he viewed to be an archaic offensive attack. The Bruins starting defensive unit is top notch as is the team's running backs and offensive front. However, the prospects for the passing game is as bleak as ever in Westwood. Despite the presence of Sean LaChapelle, considered the game's best by some, the Bruins passing attack will take flight as often as Braniff and Eastern. The schedule is favorable which should assure success.

Key to Success: Developing a quarterback to pass to LaChapelle.

Key Games: at Brigham Young, Sept. 19; San Diego State, Sept. 26; Stanford, Oct. 10; at California, Oct. 31; at Oregon, Nov. 14; Southern Cal, Nov. 21.



10. PENN STATE

Never underestimate Coach Joe Paterno and staff. This team is always among the best drilled in the game. The Nittany Lions will be shut out of the New Year's bowl games because of the new bowl alliance and there is little doubt that Coach Paterno will constantly reinforce the fact that in order to capture the national crown, an undefeated regular season is mandatory. The Nittany Lions possess one of the game's best kept secrets in all-purpose player O.J. McDuffie, arguably the game's most underrated player. Combined with running back Richie Anderson, the Nittany Lions will afford the new signal-caller with big time weapons. Defensively, as long as coordinator Jerry Sandusky is strolling the sidelines, opponents will have to battle for every yard.

Key to Success: Developing a consistent quarterback to lead a team without glaring weaknesses elsewhere.

Key Games: at Rutgers, Oct. 3; Miami, Oct. 10; at Brigham Young, Oct. 31; at Notre Dame, Nov. 21.



11. FLORIDA

Yes, the Gators will be rated among the elite in many circles. However, question marks along the offensive front due to losses and the defensive front due to injuries are too significant to overlook. There are few teams with better skilled talent, but if Shane Matthews is eating turf much of the day, it will be negated.

Keys to Success: Complete recovery of several key defensive players from injury. Successful rebuilding of the offensive front wall.

Key Games: at Tennessee, Sept. 19; Mississippi State, Oct. 1; Auburn, Oct. 17; Georgia in Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 31; at Florida State, Nov. 28.



12. SYRACUSE

When Dick MacPherson departed, many assumed the downfall of this program was imminent. Coach Paul Pasqualoni and Co. quickly ended those sentiments by registering a 10-2 season. This team has the talent to top that mark. Keep an eye on the Orangemen.

Keys to Success: Improvement along the offensive line and replacing key losses in secondary.

Key Games: Texas, Sept. 12; Ohio State, Sept. 19; at Boston College, Nov. 14; Miami, Nov. 21.



13. CLEMSON

The Tigers will no longer dominate the Atlantic Coast Conference with the addition of Florida State, however this program will remain among the nation's best. As is the case annually, the lines are filled with bulky defensive linemen complimented by a wealth of skilled-position

talent on both sides of the ball.

Keys to Success: Performance of quarterbacks and progression of inexperienced offensive line.

Key Games: Florida State, Sept. 12; at Georgia Tech, Sept. 26; at Virginia, Oct. 10; at North Carolina State, Oct. 24; North Carolina, Nov. 7.



14. COLORADO

This is a program continuing to move upward. In fact, Coach Bill McCartney is on the verge of building a dynasty. The lack of a proven quarterback is the sole reason the Buffaloes were denied Top 10 status. The defensive unit is among the nation's five best.

Key to Success: Improvement of offensive front and performance of quarterback(s).

Key Games: Iowa, Sept. 26; at Missouri, Oct. 8; Oklahoma, Oct. 17; at Nebraska, Oct. 31; at Kansas, Nov. 14.



15. NEBRASKA

This is a program spiraling downward quickly which may've found its savior. Coach Tom Osborne lured freshman quarterback Tommy Frazier to Lincoln to the dismay of Notre Dame. Frazier is reportedly the school's best prospect since Turner Gill. Enough said.

Keys to Success: Improvement in trenches, most notably on the defensive side of the ball. Stability at quarterback.

Key Games: at Washington, Sept. 19; Colorado, Oct. 31; Kansas, Nov. 7; at Oklahoma, Nov. 27.



16. STANFORD

This is a team capable of winning the national championship because of Coach Bill Walsh and a potentially imposing starting 22.

Key to Success: Linebacker Ron George becoming a dominant force defensively and improvement in defensive front.

Key Games: Texas A&M in the Disneyland Classic, Aug. 26; at Notre Dame, Oct. 3; at UCLA Oct. 10; at Washington, Oct. 31; Southern Cal, Nov. 7; at California, Nov. 21.



17. OHIO STATE

The Buckeyes remain the nation's enigma. There's no doubt about the talent. However, this is a team mired by underachievers. Coach John Cooper will continue to search for the right chemistry to return this program to its elite status.

A healthy and productive Robert Smith is mandatory if the Buckeyes are to make a trek to Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Keys to Success: Smith leading a potentially potent rushing attack. A quarterback capable of being a difference maker and the defensive front seven playing up to potential.

Key Games: at Syracuse, Sept. 19; at Michigan State, Oct. 24; at Iowa, Oct. 31; Michigan, Nov. 21.



18. OKLAHOMA

As long as quarterback Cale Gundy is taking snaps, the Sooners will be a feared opponent. The team lacks the great skilled-position talent of past editions, but has ample talent to compete in average Big Eight conference.

Keys to Success: Progression of talent among inexperienced personnel in defensive front seven and interior of the offensive line.

Key Games: at Texas Tech, Sept. 3; Southern Cal, Sept. 19; Texas in Dallas, Oct. 10; at Colorado, Oct. 17; at Kansas, Oct. 24; Nebraska, Nov. 27.



19. CALIFORNIA

The Golden Bears would finish atop the vast majority of Division I-A conferences, however the Pac-10 isn't just any conference. This team will be one of the best prepared in the game with Coach Keith Gilbertson, defensive coordinator Artie Gigantino and offensive coordinator Mike Sheppard handling the tutoring. Running backs Russell White and Lindsey Chapman gives the Golden Bears the game's best one-two punch.

Keys to Success: Performance of quarterbacks and defensive backs. Stability along the offensive line.

Key Games: at Kansas, Sept. 24; at Washington, Oct. 10; at Southern Cal,

Oct. 17; UCLA, Oct. 31; at Arizona State, Nov. 14; Stanford, Nov. 21.



20. AUBURN

The Tigers are given respect based on performance over the last decade. The Tigers have a solid cast of players capable of redeeming last year's debacle.

Keys to Success: Quarterback Stan White returning to form combined with a defensive unit which collectively underachieved last season.

Key Games: at Mississippi State, Oct. 10;

at Florida, Oct. 17; Georgia, Nov. 14; Alabama in Birmingham, Nov. 26.



21. MICHIGAN STATE

If Coach George Perles decides to focus on football rather than his personal career as an athletic director, the Spartans will be a team to contend with. Offensively, quarterback Jim Miller has more than enough weapons and defensively the Spartans will be as stingy as ever.

Keys to Success: Improved play across the offensive front and consistent passing attack.

Key Games: Notre Dame, Sept. 19; at Boston College, Sept. 26; at Michigan, Oct. 10; Ohio State, Oct. 24; at Illinois, Nov. 21.



22. IOWA

The loss of key personnel and a brutal schedule explains why the Hawkeyes were omitted from the Top 20. The Hawkeyes are thin at the skilled positions and are lacking the "difference makers".

Keys to Success: Steady performer at quarterback and in the secondary. Development of quality depth throughout the squad because of a demanding slate.

Key Games: North Carolina State in Kickoff Classic, Aug. 29; Miami, Sept. 5; at Colorado, Sept. 26; at Michigan, Oct. 3; at Illinois, Oct. 17; Ohio State, Oct. 31.



23. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Under the tutelage of Coach Dick Sheridan, the Wolfpack have become legitimate contenders for the Atlantic Coast Conference crown. This team is among the nation's most disciplined and best drilled. The Wolfpack are keyed by an awesome offensive backfield and secondary.

Keys to Success: Stability in the trenches and replacement of key field leaders.

Key Games: Iowa in Kickoff Classic, Aug. 29; Florida State, Sept. 19; at North Carolina, Sept. 26; at Georgia Tech, Oct. 3; Clemson, Oct. 24; at Virginia, Nov. 7.



24. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Trojans are led by a potent offensive attack. This is a key year for Coach Larry Smith who's in a must-win situation.

Keys to Success: Finding a competent quarterback and cutting down the number of big plays allowed defensively.

Key Games: San Diego State, Sept. 5; at Oklahoma, Sept. 19; at Washington, Oct. 3; California, Oct. 17; at Arizona State, Oct. 31; at Stanford, Nov. 7; at UCLA, Nov. 21; Notre Dame, Nov. 28. Without doubt the Trojans face the nation's toughest schedule. Seven of the 11 opponents earned bowl bids last year and five must be contested on the road.



25. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Coach Jackie Sherrill proved last year that his mere presence on a campus assures respect. Respect we afford Coach Sherrill and his Bulldogs as a member of the preseason Top 25. Some project this offense to be the best in the Southeastern Conference.

Keys to Success: Consistent play by quarterback Sleepy Robinson and along the defensive line.

Key Games: at Texas, Sept. 5; at Louisiana State, Sept. 12; Florida, Oct. 1; Auburn, Oct. 10; Alabama, Nov. 14; Ole Miss, Nov. 28. Demanding schedule denies higher ranking for Bulldogs. □

COLLEGE FOOTBALLS FINEST

BY JOHN HADLEY

QUARTERBACKS

1. Drew Bledsoe	Washington St.	6-5	220	Jr.
2. Eric Zeier	Georgia	6-2	200	So.
3. Rick Mirer	Notre Dame	6-2	217	Sr.
4. Shane Matthews	Florida	6-3	192	Sr.
5. Glenn Foley	Boston College	6-2	215	Jr.
6. Troy Kopp	Pacific	6-2	218	Sr.
7. Marvin Graves	Syracuse	6-1	196	Jr.
8. Elvis Grbac	Michigan	6-5	220	Sr.
9. Gino Torretta	Miami	6-3	205	Sr.
10. Cale Gundy	Oklahoma	6-0	189	Jr.
11. Billy Joe Hobert	Washington	6-3	230	Jr.
12. Shawn Jones	Georgia Tech	6-1	200	Sr.
13. Mark Brunell	Washington	6-2	205	Sr.
14. Steve Stenstrom	Stanford	6-2	200	So.
15. Leon Clay	Texas Christian	6-1	216	Sr.
16. David Lowery	San Diego St.	6-0	200	Jr.
17. Phil Johnson	Missouri	6-5	205	Jr.
18. Terry Jordan	N. Carolina St.	6-1	192	Sr.
19. Alex Van Pelt	Pittsburgh	6-2	225	Sr.
20. Bryan Fortay	Rutgers	6-3	206	So.

RUNNING BACKS

1. Marshall Faulk	San Diego St.	5-10	185	So.
2. Russell White	California	6-0	210	Sr.
3. Estrus Crayton	Southern Cal	6-2	190	Sr.
4. Greg Hill	Texas A&M	5-11	206	So.
5. Robert Smith	Ohio State	6-2	195	Jr.
6. Calvin Jones	Nebraska	5-11	205	So.
7. Richie Anderson	Penn State	6-2	216	Jr.
8. Kevin Williams	UCLA	6-1	200	Sr.
9. Lindsey Chapman	California	5-9	180	Jr.
10. Errict Rhett	Florida	6-0	214	Jr.
11. Terry Kirby	Virginia	6-3	217	Sr.
12. Trevor Cobb	Rice	5-9	190	Sr.
13. Tyrone Wheatley	Michigan	6-1	215	So.
14. Rafael Denson	Oklahoma St.	5-8	165	So.
15. Derek Brown	Nebraska	5-9	180	Jr.

16. Sean Jackson	Florida State	6-2	220	Jr.
17. Ricky Powers	Michigan	6-0	208	Jr.
18. Natrone Means	North Carolina	5-10	230	Jr.
19. Tico Duckett	Michigan State	5-10	185	Sr.
20. Jamal Willis	Brigham Young	6-3	205	So.

FULLBACKS

1. Jerome Bettis	Notre Dame	6-0	247	Jr.
2. Lorenzo Neal	Fresno State	6-0	225	Sr.
3. Rudy Harris	Clemson	6-3	235	Sr.
4. Robert Strait	Baylor	6-1	240	Jr.
5. Steve McGuire	Miami	5-11	206	Jr.
6. Larry Jones	Miami	6-0	244	So.
7. William Bell	Georgia Tech	5-11	206	Jr.
8. Greg Manior	N. Carolina St.	6-2	241	Sr.
9. Burnie Legette	Michigan	6-1	221	Sr.
10. Kenyon Rasheed	Oklahoma	5-10	228	Sr.
11. Matt Jones	Washington	6-0	215	Jr.
12. Darius Turner	Washington	6-0	235	Sr.
13. Lance Lewis	Nebraska	6-0	225	Sr.
14. Efrain Cabrera	Temple	6-0	216	Sr.
15. Greg Zomalt	California	6-1	210	Sr.
16. William Floyd	Florida State	6-2	229	So.
17. Chris Morton	Oregon State	5-10	220	So.
18. Carlos Thomas	Vanderbilt	5-10	216	Sr.
19. Lew Montgomery	Iowa	6-0	212	Sr.
20. Terry Samuels	Kentucky	6-2	240	Sr.

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Sean LaChapelle	UCLA	6-4	207	Sr.
2. Horace Copeland	Miami	6-3	200	Sr.
3. Andre Hastings	Georgia	6-2	181	Jr.
4. Lamar Thomas	Miami	6-3	170	Sr.
5. Sean Dawkins	California	6-4	205	Jr.
6. Melvin Bonner	Baylor	6-3	205	Sr.
7. Michael Westbrook	Colorado	6-3	205	So.
8. Clayton Driver	East Carolina	6-0	201	Sr.
9. Victor Bailey	Missouri	6-4	200	Sr.

10. Aaron Turner	Pacific	5-11	177	Sr.
11. Darnay Scott	San Diego St.	6-3	185	So.
12. Terry Smith	Clemson	6-1	197	Jr.
13. Johnnie Morton	Southern Cal	6-0	195	Jr.
14. Thomas Lewis	Indiana	6-2	190	Jr.
15. Phillip Bobo	Washington St.	5-11	179	Jr.
16. Freddie Gilbert	Houston	5-9	174	Sr.
17. Tre Everett	Florida	5-9	175	Sr.
18. Danan Hughes	Iowa	6-2	202	Sr.
19. Shelby Hill	Syracuse	6-0	194	Jr.
20. Mark Szalachic	Bowling Gr. St.	6-4	205	Sr.

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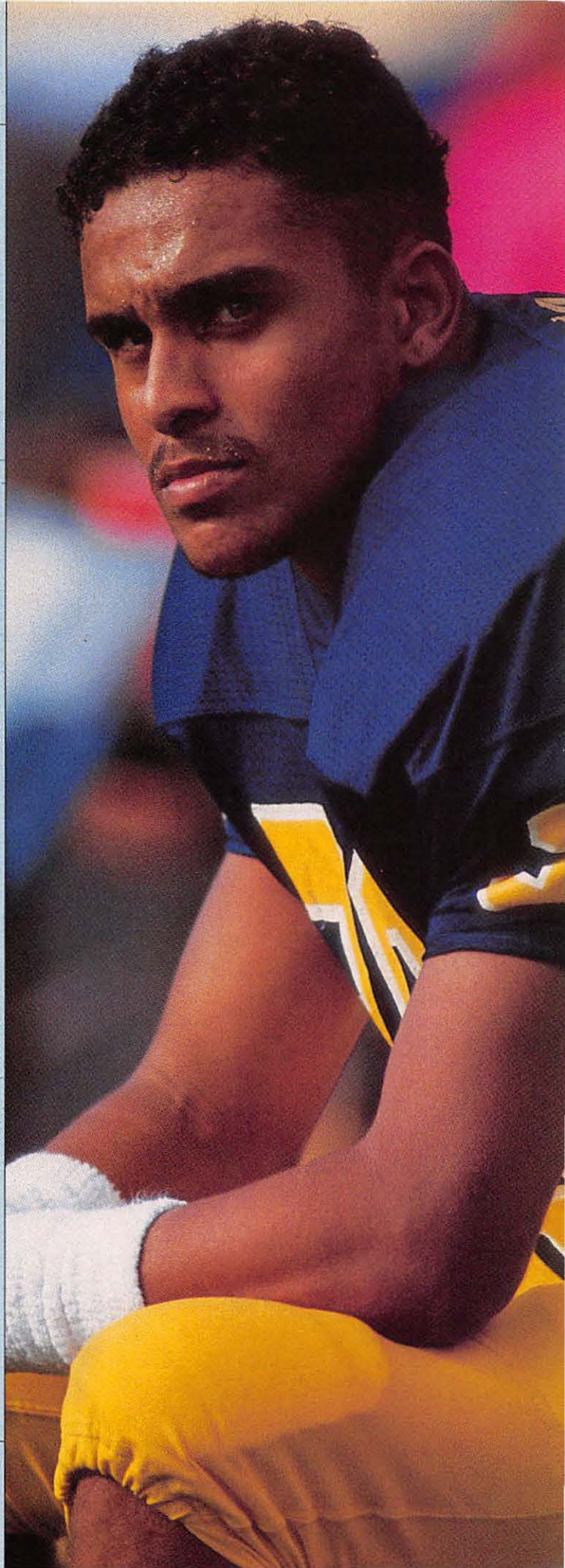
1. Butch Williams	Washington St.	6-3	233	Sr.
2. Irv Smith	Notre Dame	6-4	246	Sr.
3. Marcus Pope	Southern Miss	6-3	250	Sr.
4. Fred Baxter	Auburn	6-4	240	Sr.
5. John Henry Mills	Wake Forest	6-1	220	Sr.
6. Todd Cutler	New Mexico St.	6-4	236	Sr.
7. Chris Gedney	Syracuse	6-5	231	Sr.
8. Marty Thompson	Fresno State	6-4	231	Sr.
9. W. Washington	Nebraska	6-2	260	Sr.
10. Mark Bruener	Washington	6-5	230	So.
11. Pat Akos	Vanderbilt	6-5	255	Jr.
12. Coleman Bell	Miami	6-2	225	Sr.
13. Joey Mickey	Oklahoma	6-5	269	Sr.
14. Aaron Mundy	Virginia	6-6	237	Jr.
15. Alan Cross	Iowa	6-4	225	Sr.
16. Mike Roan	Wisconsin	6-3	235	So.
17. Lonnie Johnson	Florida State	6-2	224	Jr.
18. Rob Coons	Pittsburgh	6-6	231	Sr.
19. Ken Dilger	Illinois	6-5	243	So.
20. Carlester Crumpler	East Carolina	6-6	245	Jr.

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

1. Lincoln Kennedy	Washington	6-7	325	Sr.
2. Vaughn Parker	UCLA	6-3	275	Jr.
3. Everett Lindsay	Mississippi	6-5	290	Sr.
4. Tom Scott	East Carolina	6-7	338	Sr.
5. Alan Kline	Ohio State	6-7	290	Jr.
6. Tony Boselli	Southern Cal	6-7	275	So.
7. Todd Steussie	California	6-6	300	Jr.
8. Alec Millen	Georgia	6-7	278	Sr.
9. Craig Novitsky	UCLA	6-6	276	Jr.
10. Justin Hall	Notre Dame	6-4	297	Sr.
11. John James	Mississippi State	6-3	294	Sr.

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7. Lou Benfatti	Penn State	6-3	270	Jr.
8. Gilbert Brown	Kansas	6-2	305	Sr.
9. Chuckie Johnson	Auburn	6-3	280	Sr.
10. Rick Lyle	Missouri	6-6	270	Jr.
11. Bryant Young	Notre Dame	6-3	271	Sr.
12. Ty Parten	Arizona	6-6	271	Sr.
13. Tim Cromartie	Auburn	6-2	269	Sr.
14. Tyoka Jackson	Penn State	6-2	250	Sr.
15. Bob Kuberski	Navy	6-5	283	Sr.

NOSE TACKLES

1. Jeff Zgonina	Purdue	6-2	284	Sr.
2. Kevin Mitchell	Syracuse	6-1	247	Jr.
3. Jeff Brunner	Colorado	6-2	255	Jr.
4. Brentson Buckner	Clemson	6-3	305	Jr.
5. Chris Hobbs	Memphis State	6-2	225	Sr.
6. Ricky Logo	N. Carolina St.	6-0	282	Sr.
7. Kevin Battle	Georgia Tech	6-5	295	Sr.
8. Bruce Walker	UCLA	6-4	280	Jr.
9. Greg Smith	Ohio State	6-2	250	Sr.
10. Zack Rix	Fresno State	6-1	255	Sr.

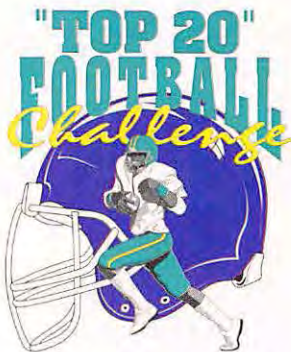
INSIDE LINEBACKERS

1. Marvin Jones	Florida State	6-2	220	Jr.
2. David Hoffman	Washington	6-2	225	Sr.
3. Steve Tovar	Ohio State	6-4	240	Sr.
4. *Dan Conley	Syracuse	6-2	229	Jr.
5. Greg Biekert	Colorado	6-3	230	Sr.
6. Micheal Barrow	Miami	6-2	230	Sr.
7. Tommy Thigpen	North Carolina	6-2	230	Sr.
8. Carlton Miles	Florida	6-1	237	Sr.
9. Demetrius DuBose	Notre Dame	6-2	234	Sr.
10. Mick Barsala	California	6-2	230	Sr.
11. Arnold Ale	UCLA	6-3	220	Sr.
12. Jerrott Willard	California	6-2	225	So.
13. Hillary Butler	Washington	6-2	225	Jr.
14. James Willis	Auburn	6-3	231	Jr.
15. Jason Atkinson	Texas A&M	6-3	234	Sr.

* Conley may see action at outside linebacker.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

1. Marcus Buckley	Texas A&M	6-1	225	Sr.
2. Chad Brown	Colorado	6-3	230	Sr.
3. Sterling Palmer	Florida State	6-7	242	Jr.



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Yards Rushing	-	1 point for every yard
Yards Receiving	-	1 point for every yard
TD's Scored	-	60 points each

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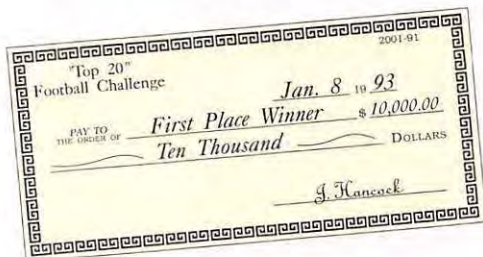
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Trading Details

- Trades can be made using a true touch tone phone.
- Official trading period: September 23 - December 18, 1992.
- You will be allowed to trade 4 times.
- You can change up to 3 players during each trade.
- A player dropped from your team can only be replaced with another player from the same Group (see Group 01 to Group 11 on entry form).
- You will receive the points a player is credited with while he is on your roster.
- You can re-acquire players dropped in previous trades.



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Select ONE (1) player from each group below. Indicate your selection with an "X".

NOTE: TOTAL POINTS are based on 1991 statistics using the "TOP 20" FOOTBALL CHALLENGE scoring system.

GROUP 01	TEAM	GP	YARDS	TD	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
QUARTERBACKS			PASS	PASS	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Kelly	BUF	15	3844	33	45	1	1530
2 <input type="checkbox"/> D. Marino	MIA	16	3970	25	32	1	1511
3 <input type="checkbox"/> C. Miller	ATL	15	3103	26	229	0	1419
4 <input type="checkbox"/> W. Moon	HOU	16	4690	23	68	2	1781
5 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Rypien	WAS	16	3564	28	6	1	1368

GROUP 02	TEAM	GP	YARDS	TD	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
QUARTERBACKS			PASS	PASS	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> T. Aikman	DAL	12	2754	11	5	1	995
2 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Elway	DEN	16	3253	13	258	6	1456
3 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Everett	LA	16	3438	11	44	0	1256
4 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Harbaugh	CHI	16	3121	15	338	2	1480
5 <input type="checkbox"/> B. Kosar	CLE	16	3487	18	74	0	1344

GROUP 03	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RUNNING BACKS			RUSH	REC.		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> N. Anderson	CHI	13	747	368	9	1169
2 <input type="checkbox"/> R. Hampton	NYG	14	1059	283	10	1402
3 <input type="checkbox"/> B. Sanders	DET	15	1548	307	17	1957
4 <input type="checkbox"/> E. Smith	DAL	16	1563	258	13	1899
5 <input type="checkbox"/> T. Thomas	BUF	15	1407	631	12	2110

GROUP 04	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RUNNING BACKS			RUSH	REC.		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> E. Byner	WAS	16	1048	308	5	1386
2 <input type="checkbox"/> R. Delpino	LA	16	688	617	10	1365
3 <input type="checkbox"/> R. Harmon	SD	16	544	555	2	1111
4 <input type="checkbox"/> C. Okoye	KC	14	1031	34	9	1119
5 <input type="checkbox"/> J.L. Williams	SEA	16	741	499	5	1270

GROUP 05	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RUNNING BACKS			RUSH	REC.		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> R. Cobb	TB	16	752	111	7	905
2 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Hoge	PIT	16	610	379	3	1007
3 <input type="checkbox"/> K. Mack	CLE	14	726	255	10	1041
4 <input type="checkbox"/> L. Russell	NE	16	959	81	4	1064
5 <input type="checkbox"/> H. Walker	MIN	15	825	204	10	1089

GROUP 06	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RECEIVERS			REC.	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> G. Clark	WAS	16	1340	0	10	1400
2 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Irvin	DAL	16	1523	0	8	1571
3 <input type="checkbox"/> H. Jeffries	HOU	16	1181	0	7	1223
4 <input type="checkbox"/> A. Reed	BUF	16	1113	136	10	1309
5 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Rice	SF	16	1206	2	14	1292

GROUP 07	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RECEIVERS			REC.	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Clayton	MIA	16	1053	0	12	1125
2 <input type="checkbox"/> H. Ellard	LA	16	1052	0	3	1070
3 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Lofton	BUF	15	1072	0	8	1120
4 <input type="checkbox"/> A. Monk	WAS	16	1049	19	8	1116
5 <input type="checkbox"/> A. Rison	ATL	16	976	0	12	1048

GROUP 08	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RECEIVERS			REC.	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> B. Blades	SEA	14	1003	17	2	1043
2 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Duper	MIA	16	1085	0	5	1115
3 <input type="checkbox"/> I. Fryar	NE	15	1014	11	3	1043
4 <input type="checkbox"/> R. Moore	NYJ	16	987	0	5	1017
5 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Taylor	SF	16	1011	0	9	1065

GROUP 09	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RECEIVERS			REC.	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> C. Carter	MIN	15	962	0	5	992
2 <input type="checkbox"/> E. Givens	HOU	16	996	30	5	1056
3 <input type="checkbox"/> E. Jones	PHO	15	957	24	4	1005
4 <input type="checkbox"/> S. Sharpe	GB	16	961	4	4	989
5 <input type="checkbox"/> F. Turner	NO	16	927	0	8	975

GROUP 10	TEAM	GP	YARDS	YARDS	TD'S	TOTAL
RECEIVERS			REC.	RUSH		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> F. Barnett	PHI	15	948	0	4	972
2 <input type="checkbox"/> B. Brooks	IND	16	888	0	4	912
3 <input type="checkbox"/> W. Davis	CHI	15	945	0	6	981
4 <input type="checkbox"/> W. Slaughter	CLE	16	906	0	3	924
5 <input type="checkbox"/> A. Toon	NYJ	15	963	0	0	963

GROUP 11	TEAM	GP	FIELD	CONV.	TOTAL
PLACE KICKERS			GOALS		POINTS
1 <input type="checkbox"/> M. Anderson	NO	16	25	38	1130
2 <input type="checkbox"/> J. Jaeger	RAI	16	29	29	1160
3 <input type="checkbox"/> N. Lowery	KC	16	25	35	1100
4 <input type="checkbox"/> P. Stoyanovich	MIA	14	31	28	1210
5 <input type="checkbox"/> K. Willis	DAL	15	27	37	1180

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8.	Mitch Davis	Georgia	6-3	237	Jr.
9.	Reggie Givens	Penn State	6-0	218	Sr.
10.	Jessie Armstead	Miami	6-2	218	Sr.
11.	Jason Simmons	Ohio State	6-5	240	Jr.
12.	Ashley Sheppard	Clemson	6-5	254	Sr.
13.	Ron Woolfork	Colorado	6-3	235	Jr.
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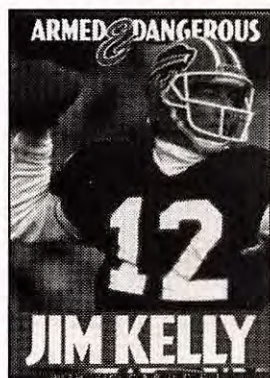
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11.	Clifton Abraham	Florida State	5-9	185	So.
12.	Fred Smith	Auburn	5-9	186	So.
13.	Larry Kennedy	Florida	5-10	180	So.
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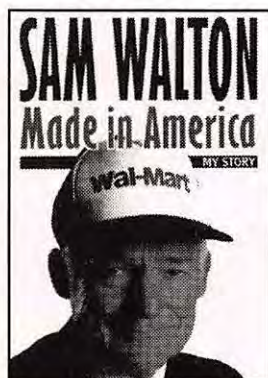
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5.	Patrick Bates	Texas A&M	6-4	225	Jr.
6.	Mike Reid	N. Carolina St.	6-2	219	Jr.
7.	Shane Pahukoa	Washington	6-3	202	Sr.
8.	George Teague	Alabama	6-0	187	Sr.
9.	Malik Jackson	Rutgers	6-1	224	Jr.
10.	Tommie Smith	Washington	6-2	212	Sr.
11.	Othello Henderson	UCLA	6-1	205	Jr.
12.	Lance Gunn	Texas	6-3	214	Sr.
13.	Tracy Saul	Texas Tech	6-0	180	Sr.
14.	Will White	Florida	6-1	199	Sr.
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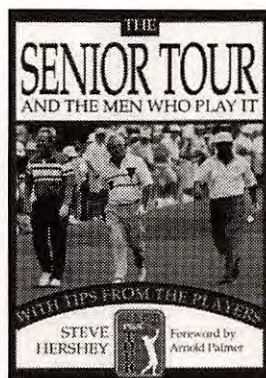
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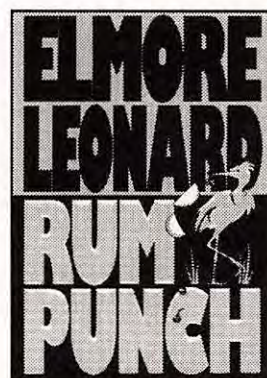
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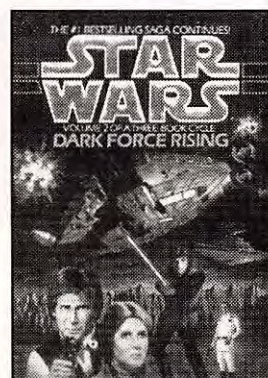
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OKLAHOMA SOONERS

AIR GUNDY – THE REAL OKLAHOMA, OR A PASSING FANCY?

By BOB HERSOM



Oklahoma may have already gotten the jump, or actually the pass, on the nation's other college football teams this season.

The Sooners may have actually started their 1992 campaign on Dec. 29, 1991, when they stunned Virginia 48-14 in the Gator Bowl.

In that game, OU shocked most observers by completing 27 of 36 passes for 357 yards and two touchdowns.

OU's single-game passing record had been 246 yards. Starting quarterback Cale Gundy passed that milestone in the first half, when the (then) sophomore completed 19 of 23 passes for 254 yards.

Gundy finished 25-of-31 for 329 yards and two touchdowns. He had passed for only 230 yards in OU's final three regular season games. He broke the Big Eight bowl game record of 315 yards passing held by his older brother, former Oklahoma State star Mike Gundy, now a Cowboy assistant coach.

"It was pretty much a picture-perfect game," Cale Gundy said. "I was happy to break Mike's record. Nobody back home thought we'd throw 30 times, and I wasn't sure we would either."

"But everyone contributed to the victory and I'm happy it worked out the way it did. And I'm happy I kept it (the record) in the family."

OU offensive coordinator Larry Coker, who was OU's offensive coordinator when Mike Gundy was the Cowboys' quarterback, said: "I think Cale has such respect for Mike that he wanted to get the record. I knew he was having a good game, but I didn't realize he was 19 of 23 at the half."

Before the Gator Bowl game, Gundy had predicted he would complete 25 passes if he threw 30 times.

Cale Gundy broke the Big Eight bowl game record of 315 yards passing held by his older brother, former Oklahoma State star Mike Gundy, now a Cowboy assistant coach.

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"I said all week before the game that we were going to throw the ball," OU head coach Gary Gibbs said with a smile. "Nobody believed me."

"Coach Gibbs was determined that we would run our offense," Coker said. "We wanted to prove what we could do."

Now the Sooners will try to prove it all over again, and there are definite signs that they will continue to pass more often, or at least more effectively, than OU teams have in the past.

Gundy, a junior, will be back for his third year as a starter.

Also back are six of OU's top nine pass receivers from last season, plus some highly-touted recruits.

And, for the first time since 1989, OU will have a full-time pass receivers coach.

Clarence James, the pass receivers coach at Texas the past five seasons, has joined the Sooner staff. He replaces long-time defensive backfield coach Bobby Proctor.

The past two seasons, OU had graduate assistants coaching its pass receivers. OU also had five defensive and four offensive assistant coaches. The coaching mix now is four defense and five offense.

"We have a better chance to provide the teaching necessary to give our offense the best chance to be successful," Gibbs said.

"In studying what other staffs were doing, I saw that most had five coaches on offense."

"We want to take advantage of the talents of our players. It's obvious a strength of our team is Cale Gundy's passing."

"We don't necessarily plan to pass a lot more than we did, but we want to pass better. To do that we need to improve every aspect of our receivers' play. I am confident Clarence will help us do this."

In addition to James, there have been other changes in the OU program, as the name of seven positions have been changed:

Last year's Z-backs are flankers this year.

Last year's defensive ends are outside linebackers this year.

Last year's defensive tackles are defensive ends this year.

"I think terminology-wise that flanker is much more consistent with wide receivers," Gibbs said.

"We looked at a lot of people's 3-4 defenses and 5-2 defenses and the technique, the person who lines up over the offensive tackle, was called a defensive end in a lot of defensive terminology. The 9 technique, the guy that lines up over the tight end, is either called a defensive end or an outside linebacker."

"I think it's all just more consistent with our package and what we're asking those guys to do and the way most people look at those positions."

"I think it just enhances the consistency in which we want to coach and recruit to

OKLAHOMA AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Defensive ends, running backs, quarterbacks and receivers.

Possible Weaknesses: Secondary. Depth and experience at linebacker and along the offensive line.

Players to watch: Reggie Barnes, DE; Dewell Brewer, RB; Mike Coats, LB; Mike Fields, LB; Cale Gundy, QB; Albert Hall, SE; Joey Mickey, TE; Paul Moriarty, OG; Kenyon Rasheed, FB; Jeff Resler, OG; Otis Taylor, FL; Trey Tippens, DE; Darnell Walker, CB; Corey Warren, SE; Greg Wilkins, DT.

SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
72	Robert Allen	DL	Fr.	6-2	239	Houston, TX
95	Russell Allen	DE	Jr.	6-5	269	Oklahoma City
39	John Anderson	DB	Jr.	5-10	187	Sugarland, TX
96	Arthur Atkin	L	Fr.	6-4	245	Houston, TX
40	Reggie Barnes	DE	Sr.	6-0	225	Grand Prairie, TX
56	Aubrey Beavers	OLB	Jr.	6-2	231	Houston, TX
21	Johnnie Bell	DB	Sr.	5-11	183	Bossier City, LA
97	Barry Blanton	K	Jr.	5-10	180	Norman
16	Scott Blanton	K	So.	6-1	210	Norman
86	Rickey Brady	TE	Jr.	6-3	235	Oklahoma City
23	Dewell Brewer	TB	Sr.	5-8	211	Lawton
3	Terrence Brown	QB	Fr.	6-1	175	Fort Bend, TX
29	Artis Burns	DB	Fr.	6-1	185	Dallas, TX
31	Larry Bush	DB	Fr.	6-1	193	Ada
81	Patrick Byerly	SE	Jr.	5-11	180	Tyler, TX
77	Jason Byers	L	Fr.	6-4	255	Sterling Heights, MI
22	Dustin Caldwell	FB	Fr.	6-1	216	Oklahoma City
66	Chris Campbell	L	Fr.	6-4	280	Chicago, IL
59	David Campbell	DL	Fr.	6-1	281	Oklahoma City
14	Melvin Carter	DB	Sr.	5-8	161	Oklahoma City
91	Ben Cavil	DE	So.	6-1	280	LaMarque, TX
32	Dewayne Chandler	RB	Fr.	6-0	205	Aberdeen, MS
21	Inourell Chester	RB	Fr.	5-9	190	Marrero, LA
24	Drew Christmon	DB	Jr.	5-9	194	Midwest City
41	Mike Coats	LB	Jr.	6-0	238	Oklahoma City
26	Perry Collier	DB	Fr.	5-11	178	Munday, TX
30	Terry Collier	LB	Fr.	6-0	199	Munday, TX
10	Steve Collins	QB	Sr.	6-0	206	Ennis, TX
9	Tink Collins	SE	Sr.	5-8	181	Ponca City
65	Jason Comer	OT	Fr.	6-2	290	Arlington, TX
78	J.R. Conrad	L	Fr.	6-5	275	Fairland
98	Joe Correia	L	Jr.	6-4	260	Visalia, CA
93	Blair Culley	K	Sr.	5-11	185	Sand Springs
7	Chad Davis	QB	Fr.	6-2	185	San Diego, CA
47	Brent DeQuasie	OLB	Fr.	6-2	215	Midwest City
18	Gerald Farley	DB	Fr.	5-8	181	Groveton, TX
34	Mike Fields	LB	So.	6-3	226	So. Enid
	Paul Fletcher	WR	So.	5-8	170	Norman
19	Jeff Frazier	RB	Fr.	6-2	210	Austin, TX
44	Mario Freeman	LB	Fr.	5-9	213	Austin, TX
8	Jeff Gibson	SE	So.	5-10	170	Huntington Beach, CA
48	Bryan Gorka	LB	So.	6-0	220	Stafford, TX
43	Howard Green	DB	Fr.	6-1	190	Miami, FL
46	Tremayne Green	LB	Fr.	6-2	240	Marshall, TX
12	Cale Gundy	QB	Jr.	5-11	196	Midwest City
1	Albert Hall	SE	So.	6-1	175	Bay City, TX
43	Scott Harper	FB	Sr.	5-9	184	Broken Arrow
50	Rod Henderson	DB	Fr.	6-3	200	Conroe, TX
13	Kyle Hill	OLB	Sr.	6-2	218	West Sacramento, CA
37	Jay Houtman	LB	Sr.	6-1	208	Bartlesville
24	Scott Howlett	WR	Sr.	5-10	184	Tulsa
70	Ronn Hull	OT	Jr.	6-4	245	Spiro
27	Cory Johnson	FB	Jr.	5-10	204	St. Louis, MO
42	Darius Johnson	DB	Fr.	5-9	167	Terrell, TX
57	Cedric Jones	L	Fr.	6-4	235	Houston, TX
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54	Mike Kaighan	LB	So.	6-0	220	Palos Verdes, CA
35	Daniel Kanu	DL	So.	5-11	223	Richardson, TX
58	Jason Keith	OT	Sr.	6-4	276	Arlington, TX
52	Brent Koontz	C	Jr.	6-4	251	Hurst, TX
67	Kyle Krout	OL	Jr.	6-2	265	Tulsa
75	Chuck Langston	NG	Fr.	6-1	251	Beaumont, TX
97	Sterling Luckey	OLB	Fr.	6-4	210	Harvey, IL
73	Marc Manuel	L	Fr.	6-6	240	Houston, TX
25	Billy McDade	TB	So.	5-11	194	So. Ennis, TX
39	Charlie Means	K	So.	5-9	160	So. Plano, TX
82	Joey Mickey	TE	Sr.	6-5	269	Oklahoma City
17	P.J. Mills	SE	Fr.	6-1	185	Enid
64	Paul Moriarty	OT	Sr.	6-4	292	Conroe, TX
83	John Nelson	SE	Jr.	5-11	179	Baytown, TX
17	Pete Norwood	DB	Jr.	6-1	180	Anadarko
4	Tommy O'Hara	DB	Jr.	6-3	196	Katy, TX
36	Robert O'Neal	DB	Jr.	6-0	190	Tulsa
94	Milton Overton	OG	Fr.	6-0	275	Fort Worth, TX
79	Mark Parry	OG	So.	6-5	274	Corpus Christi, TX
87	Tony Pena	TE	Jr.	6-2	218	Santa Ana, CA
89	JaJuan Penny	SE	Fr.	5-10	193	Tulsa
33	Kenyon Rasheed	FB	Sr.	5-10	247	Kansas City, MO
84	Brad Reddell	P	Sr.	6-2	195	Bedford, TX
53	Mike Reed	C	Fr.	6-1	253	Converse, TX
71	Jeff Resler	OG	So.	6-2	257	Edmond
62	Broderick Roberson	OG	Fr.	6-1	297	Tomball, TX
45	Larry Ross	DB	So.	6-0	175	North Little Rock, AR
80	Pete Schmitt	TE	Sr.	6-3	238	Laguna, CA
8	William Shankle	DB	Sr.	6-0	189	Fort Bend, TX
51	Broderick Simpson	LB	Fr.	6-2	210	Dallas, TX
44	Derrick Smith	LB	So.	6-0	220	Ardmore
61	Keith Sparks	DB	So.	5-9	193	Fort Worth, TX
76	Harry Stamps	L	Fr.	6-6	290	Houston, TX
36	William Steines	FB	Sr.	5-8	218	Farmington, NM
88	Bryan Stinson	WR	So.	5-10	182	Muskogee
41	Derek Swann	DB	So.	5-10	180	Watonga
15	Doug Switzer	QB	Fr.	6-3	196	Little Rock, AR
11	Otis Taylor	FL	Sr.	5-6	182	LaPorte, TX
45	Michael Thompson	RB	Fr.	6-0	180	Clovis, NM
26	Travis Thompson	TB	Sr.	5-8	181	Pauls Valley
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2	Corey Warren	FL	Jr.	5-11	197	Houston, TX
74	Chris Watkins	OT	Sr.	6-8	342	Amarillo, TX
5	Maylon Wesley	DB	Fr.	5-10	172	Houston, TX
55	Steve Wigington	OT	So.	6-4	278	Denison, TX
90	Greg Wilkins	DE	So.	6-2	266	Chicago, IL
20	Earnest Williams	TB	Jr.	5-10	180	Aurora, CO
99	Corey Wilson	DE	Jr.	6-2	229	Richardson, TX
60	Matt Wilson	C	So.	6-2	274	Midland, TX
92	Ricky Wren	NG	So.	6-1	269	Clovis, NM
28	Jon Wyatt	RB	So.	5-9	175	Chicago, IL
38	Allen Zeno	OLB	Fr.	6-1	215	Marrero, LA

SOONERS STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Gundy	172	91	1228	52.9	8	7
S. Collins	20	6	67	30.0	1	0

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Gaddis	221	1240	5.6	65	14
Rasheed	77	355	4.6	30	4
McKinley	88	346	3.9	22	4

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Warren	26	366	14.1	37	3
Long	24	302	12.6	39	1
Mickey	13	127	12.7	22	1
Hall	7	143	20.4	68	1

TACKLES

Bowden (127), Wilson (97),
Belser (75), Barnes (73),
Dillard (66), Ray (54)

INTERCEPTIONS

Belser (5), Franks (5),
Walker (4), Ray (3)

Coach: Gary Gibbs

24-10, 3 years

1991 Record: 5-2/3rd; 9-3 overall

Stadium: Owen Field (74,993)

Lettermen Returning: 39

SOONERS OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
12	Cale Gundy*	Junior
10	Steve Collins	Senior
Number	Tailback	Year
20	Ernest Williams*	Senior
23	Dewell Brewer*	Senior
Number	Fullback	Year
33	Kenyon Rasheed*	Senior
27	Corey Johnson	Junior
Number	Split End	Year
1	Albert Hall	Sophomore
9	Tink Collins	Junior
Number	Flanker	Year
2	Corey Warren	Junior
11	Otis Taylor	Senior
Number	Tight End	Year
82	Joey Mickey*	Senior
86	Rickey Brady	Junior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
64	Paul Moriarty*	Senior
68	Tim Vitito	Sophomore
Number	Left Guard	Year
62	Broderick Roberson	Sophomore
79	Mark Parry	Sophomore
Number	Center	Year
52	Brent Koontz	Junior
60	Matt Wilson	Sophomore
Number	Right Guard	Year
71	Jeff Resler*	Sophomore
62	Broderick Roberson	Sophomore
Number	Right Tackle	Year
65	Jason Comer	Freshman
74	Chris Watkins	Senior

SOONERS DEFENSE

Number	Left Defensive End	Year
88	Trey Tippens*	Senior
56	Aubrey Beavers	Junior
Number	Nose Guard	Year
92	Ricky Wren	Junior
91	Ben Cavil	Sophomore
Number	Right Defensive End	Year
40	Reggie Barnes*	Senior
13	Kyle Hill	Senior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
95	Russell Allen	Junior
94	Milton Overton	Freshman
Number	Right Tackle	Year
90	Greg Wilkins	Sophomore
94	Milton Overton	Freshman
Number	Strongside Linebacker	Year
41	Mike Coats	Junior
48	Bryan Gorka	Sophomore
Number	Weakside Linebacker	Year
34	Mike Fields	Sophomore
48	Bryan Gorka	Sophomore
Number	Left Cornerback	Year
28	Darnell Walker*	Senior
14	Melvin Carter	Senior
Number	Right Cornerback	Year
8	William Shankle	Senior
14	Melvin Carter	Senior
Number	Strong Safety	Year
39	John Anderson	Junior
4	Tommy O'Hara	Junior
Number	Free Safety	Year
24	Drew Christmon	Junior
6	Russell Jones	Sophomore

* Denotes returning starters.

those positions."

Two OU assistant coaches will change assignments, too. Defensive coordinator Tom Hayes will work with the secondary instead of the ends. John Balke will work with outside linebackers instead of nose guards.

OU, which finished 9-3 and ranked 16th by the Associated Press last season, returns six starters on offense and three on defense, plus the starting place-kicker (Scott Blanton) and punter (Brad Reddell).

The returning regulars on offense are senior left tackle Paul Moriarty (6-5, 287), sophomore right guard Jeff Resler (6-2, 260), senior tight end Joey Mickey (6-5, 269), junior split end Corey Warren (5-11, 203), senior fullback Kenyon Rasheed (5-10, 228), and Gundy (6-foot-189).

Moriarty, a second-year transfer from Texas, was moved to left tackle from guard. He was named co-Offensive Newcomer-of-the-Year by Big Eight coaches last season.

Resler is one of the most inspiring stories in college athletics. Though circulatory problems caused amputation of his left hand when Resler was seven days old, he has become an outstanding college lineman.

He started the final 11 games last season and became the first OU freshman to become a full-time offensive line starter since Anthony Phillips in 1985. Phillips was an All-American and four-time All-Big Eight player.

Resler was named first team Freshman All-American by the *Football News* last year, and second team all-conference by Big Eight coaches.

Mickey caught 13 passes for 127 yards during the '91 regular season, then caught five more passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns in the Gator Bowl. He will be pressed by junior tight end Rickey Brady, a former *Parade* high school All-American.

Warren, last year's leading pass receiver, has switched to flanker, formerly the Z-back spot. He caught 26 passes of 366 yards and three touchdowns last season, plus five more receptions for 110 yards in the Gator Bowl.

Gundy completed 91 of 172 passes for 1,228 yards and eight touchdowns in 10 regular season games last year (he missed one

with a urological disorder).

Only two OU quarterbacks have passed for more yards in a season.

With two years of eligibility remaining, Gundy is fifth in OU career passing yards

often last year, Rasheed's numbers fell in 1991. After rushing for 661 yards and 10 touchdowns as a sophomore, he dropped to 355 yards and four touchdowns last season.

The rest of OU's starting lineup on offense is expected to consist of junior center Brent Koontz (6-4, 258), sophomore left guard Broderick Roberson (6-2, 281), senior right tackle Chris Watkins (6-9, 326), sophomore split end Albert Hall (6-1, 175) and junior tailback Ernest Williams (5-11, 190).

Koontz and Roberson both came to OU as defensive linemen. Koontz, a two-time letterman, moved to offense in the spring of 1990 and was the backup center last season. Roberson redshirted in 1990 and lettered last year after moving to offense in the spring.

Watkins, who missed spring drills after undergoing back surgery, is the largest player in OU football history.

Hall, who switched from quarterback to wide receiver during the '91 season, had the team's best per-catch average of 20.4 yards.

Dewell Brewer was the leading rusher (872) in 1990 and also the returning tailback in the first four games of last season. Injuries to both knees short-circuited his junior season, but he'll be at full speed this fall.

Six of last year's top nine rushers and six of OU's top nine pass receivers will return. Included in those groups is Williams, who has returned after quitting the team early season.

OU's biggest concern on offense is its interior line. Resler and Moriarty are the only returning starters, and Moriarty is moving to a new position. Two potential starters, tackle Watkins and freshman center-guard Mike Reed, missed spring drills with injuries.



Darnell Walker is the only starter back from last year's secondary.

(2,132 in regular season game; bowls are not counted in OU's record-keeping). Gundy was named second team Sophomore All-American last year by *Football News*.

With OU passing and handing the ball to since-graduated tailback Mike Gaddis more

The Sooners' two-deep offensive line chart consists of two redshirt freshmen, five sophomores, one junior and two seniors.

"In terms of on-the-field, playing-time experience, I can't remember having a line that was this green," said OU offensive line coach Merv Johnson.

"Very quickly, with any kind of injury, we could be only one deep at a position and we have no experience. It's as thin and as green as I've ever known, and that obviously can't make you feel very optimistic.

"But guys have a way of stepping up, and I like these guys' attitudes. I think they very much want to play."

In experience, OU's entire defense will be similar to its offensive line, as only three starters return; senior left outside linebacker Trey Tippens (6-3, 235), senior right outside linebacker Reggie Barnes (6-1, 218), and senior left cornerback Darnell Walker (5-8, 166).

Tippens was named second team All-Big Eight by the Associated Press last year, but he'll be hard-pressed by ballyhooed Aubrey Beavers (6-4, 234), who has been academically ineligible since the fourth game of the 1990 season. Barnes enters the season as OU's strongest All-America candidate. Last year he was a consensus All-Big Eight choice and OU's leading tackler (73) among linemen.

Barnes led the Sooners in quarterback sacks (nine, one away from Tony Casillas' school record), tackles for losses (5) and quarterback hurries (19).

Walker, the only starter back from last year's secondary, will join Barnes as an honors candidate. He led the Big Eight in pass breakups (12) last year and also was the only player all season to intercept a pass from Virginia quarterback Matt Blundin.

Other starters on defense are likely to

be junior left end Russell Allen, sophomore right end Greg Wilkins, junior nose guard Ricky Wren, junior strongside inside linebacker Mike Coats, sophomore weakside inside linebacker Mike Fields, senior right cornerback William Shankle, junior strong safety John Anderson and junior free safety

games when regular Corey Mayfield was out with an injury.

Coats should be a strong candidate for post-season honors. Last year he shared the linebacking chores with one of the best duos in OU history, Joe Bowden and Chris Wilson (OU's top two tacklers in '91).

Fields, first team Academic All-Big Eight last year, and Shankle, who sat out 1989 and 1990, are largely untested.

Anderson earned a scholarship last year with extraordinary special team play.

Christmon, the nickel back last season, may be OU's hardest hitter in the secondary.

From last year's second teams, OU returns eight players on offense and nine on defense. The Sooners also welcome back 14 freshmen they redshirted a year ago.

An emphasis will be placed on improving OU's kicking game this season. Last year, including the Gator Bowl, the Sooners were only 47-of-52 on extra-point kicks and four-of-16 on field goal attempts.

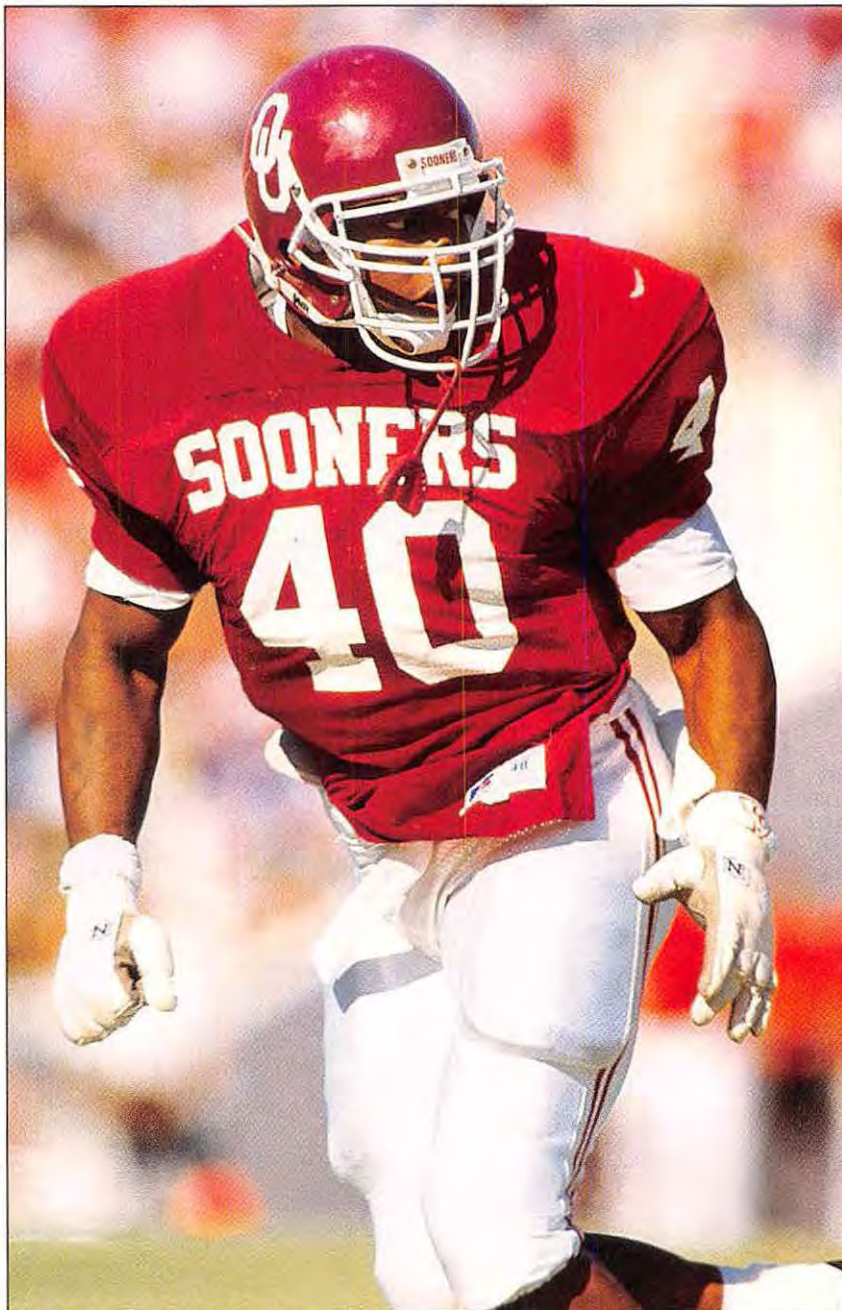
OU opponents blocked two field goal attempts, two PAT kicks and one punt, and recovered two Sooner fumbles on punt returns.

Of the 106 NCAA Division I-A teams, OU ranked 83rd in punt returns and 97th in kickoff returns.

Reddell, the Big Eight punting leader (41.6 yard average) as a sophomore, dipped to 39.9 as a junior.

"There are a lot of questions on both sides of the ball," Gibbs said. "There are a lot of questions to be answered as far as replacing starters and making some changes in our schemes."

Another question that will be answered: Was the Sooner's passing performance in the 1991 Gator Bowl the beginning of the 1992 season or just a one-game campaign? □



Senior right outside linebacker Reggie Barnes (6-1, 218) returns for '92.

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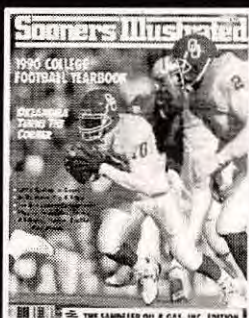
Drew Christmon.

Allen was a backup last year, when he had 22 tackles and played in all but one game.

Wren, who had missed two seasons as a Proposition 48 and redshirt player, was a pleasant surprise last year. He started two

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SOONERS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Robert ALLEN DE District Player-of-the-Year... All-State selection... Recorded 88 tackles and 10 QB sacks as a senior... Runs a 4.7 40.	6-2, 225	Houston, TX	Madison
Arthur ATKINS DL Top 100 pick by <i>Houston Post</i> ... Rated 41st-best athlete in Southwest... Recorded 94 tackles, 18 for losses, as a senior... Two-time All-District... Part of what was regarded as state's best defensive line duo.	6-4, 245	Houston, TX	Lamar
Terrence BROWN QB Rated 61st-best athlete in Southwest... 4.5 speed... Completed 102 of 173 passes for 1,392 yards last year, and 2,768 yards and 24 TDs the last two years... Also has speed to play WR or DB.	6-1, 175	Fort Bend, TX	Willowridge
Art's BURNS DB Great speed, 4.49 in the 40... Ran the 200 meters in 21.6... High jumped 6-6... Rated among top 100 prospects in Texas... Had 76 tackles and 6 interceptions as a senior.	6-1, 185	Dallas, TX	Carter
Larry BUSH DB Quarterbacked Ada to 3A title in '91... Ran and passed for 1,728 yards and 23 TDs... Intercepted 8 passes... Finished his career with 3,442 total yards, second in school history... Rated among top 50 athletes in Midlands.	6-1, 193	Ada	Ada
Jason BYERS OL All-District on both sides of the ball... Honorable mention All-State... Played offensive guard and defensive tackle... Had 94 tackles and 5 sacks as a senior.	6-4, 255	Sterling Heights, MN	Henry Ford II
Chris CAMPBELL OL <i>USA Today</i> Super 25 choice... Rated 36th-best overall Midwest prospect by one service... Started as defensive tackle as sophomore, offensive tackle as senior... Probably will be used as offensive guard.	6-4, 290	Chicago, IL	Vocational
Dwayne CHANDLER RB <i>Parade</i> All-American... Ran for 1,561 yards and 25 TDs as a senior... Gained 1,551 yards his junior year... Ranked among top 10 running backs in the nation by most recruiting services... Runs 4.6 40... Ran for 3,810 yards and 51 TDs in high school.	6-0, 200	Aberdeen, MS	Aberdeen
J.R. CONRAD OL All-State... Finalist for Gatorade Circle of Champions Award... Rated 43rd-best overall prospect in Midlands... Unanimous pick on Oklahoma blue chip lists... Outstanding OL at Bill Maas summer camp.	6-5, 275	Fairland	Fairland
Joe CORREIA DL Junior college All-American... Had 13 sacks and 47 tackles in 11 games... Helped lead team to 10-1 record and No. 3 ranking... Rated 17th-best juco athlete by <i>Super Prep</i> .	6-4, 260	Visalia, CA	College of the Sequoias JC
Chad DAVIS QB <i>Parade</i> All-American... Broke national high school record for career passing yards with 9,332... Completed 677 passes for 82 TDs (24 as a senior) and only 16 interceptions... Rated sixth-best QB by one service, ninth-best by another.	6-2, 185	San Diego, CA	Mira Mesa

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Jeff FRAZIER RB Offensive Player-of-the-Year in the Midlands by one service... Unanimous All-State and blue chip list selection... Rushed for 1,369 yards and 21 TDs as a senior... Gained 535 yards in four playoff games... Has 4.4 speed in the 40, 10.5 in the 100, and 21.9 in the 200.	6-2, 210	Moore	Westmoore
Rod HENDERSON DB Played defensive back and linebacker, as well as tight end and tailback... Recorded 108 tackles as a senior... Member of Houston-area Top 100.	6-3, 200	Conroe, TX	Oak Ridge
Cedric JONES DL <i>Super Prep</i> All-American... Rated seventh-best DL prospect in the nation... <i>Houston Post</i> Defensive Player-of-the-Year... Had 30 QB sacks and 112 tackles in 13 games as a senior... Teammate of fellow OU signee Arthur Atkins.	6-4, 235	Houston, TX	Lamar
Stirling LUCKEY LB Rated 44th-best prospect in Midwest... Had 107 tackles and 13 sacks, broke up 7 passes and blocked 5 kicks... Caught 13 passes for 262 yards as a tight end... Chicago-area Defensive Player-of-the-Year.	6-4, 210	Harvey, IL	Thornton Township
Mark MANUAL OL Selected to All-Houston area team... Third-team All-State... Named to most Top 100 lists in the state of Texas.	6-6, 240	Houston, TX	Yates
Michael MCDANIEL WR <i>Parade</i> All-American... Led state's 5A receivers with 51 catches for 1,110 yards and 12 TDs... Had 56 catches for 1,087 yards and 14 TDs as a junior... Rated eighth-best receiver in the nation by <i>Super Prep</i> .	6-2, 210	Oklahoma City	John Marshall
P.J. MILLS WR <i>Super Prep</i> All-American... Rated 24th-best athlete in Midlands... Had 617 yards receiving, 574 yards rushing and 374 yard on returns as a senior... Scored 14 TDs, including 5 over 50 yards... Ran 4.45 in pads.	6-1, 185	Enid	Enid
Roberto O'NEAL DB NJCAA All-American last year... Rated 14th-best juco defensive prospect... Intercepted 6 passes last year... Had 45 solo tackles and 48 assists... Went to high school at Hale in Tulsa.	6-0, 205	Tulsa	Northeastern Oklahoma JC
Broderick SIMPSON LB Rated among Top 100 in the Dallas metro area... Recorded 96 tackles as a senior... Timed in 4.6 in the 40.	6-2, 210	Dallas, TX	Hillcrest
Harry STAMPS OL Rated among top 70 overall prospects in the Southwest... Played offensive guard and defensive tackle... Bench presses 400 pounds... Runs a 5.3 in the 40.	6-6, 290	Houston, TX	Smiley
Mike THOMPSON RB State's Player-of-the-Year... All-American by two recruiting services... Rushed for 2,047 yards and 33 TDs as a senior... Also caught 3 TD passes... State champion in the 100 and 200 dash... Rated nation's 7th-best running back by one service.	6-0, 180	Clovis, NM	Clovis

SPRING UPDATE

For the first time since 1982, Oklahoma included alumni players in its spring game. The alums and OU's first team offense and defense made up the Red team, which won 34-0.

With the defense instructed to allow touchdowns on the plays, three former OU greats scored on long touchdown runs in the game. Joe Washington went 70 yards on a right end pitchout from the wishbone; Billy Sims went 25 yards; and Steve Owens scored from 50 yards.

In spring drills, tailback Earnest Williams went from nowhere to first team on the depth chart. After quitting the squad at mid-season last year, citing lack of playing time, he returned to have an outstanding spring. He was the leading rusher in the spring game, running for 132 yards on 11 carries. He scored on a 57-yard reverse.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Doug Switzer, son of former OU coach Barry Switzer, completed nine of 28 passes for

93 yards in the spring game.

Two starters, quarterback Cale Gundy and strong safety Drew Christmon, missed spring drills because they were playing with the OU baseball team. Gundy was a pitcher and Christmon was a designated hitter.

Missing all or most of OU's spring drills with injuries were: tailback Inurell Chester (ankle); inside linebacker Mike Fields (shoulder); outside linebacker Kyle Hill (knee); defensive back Tommy O'Hara (shoulder); center-guard Mike Reed (knee); wide receiver Otis Taylor (ankle); tackle Chris Watkins (back); defensive end Greg Wilkins (thumb); and outside linebacker Corey Wilson (knee).

Place-kicker Scott Blanton kicked a 52-yard field goal during one spring scrimmage and was two-for-two in the spring game, making field goals from 31 and 39 yards.

RESULTS

COLORADO (8-3-1, 6-0-1)

30	Wyoming	13
14	Baylor	16
58	Minnesota	0
21	Stanford	28
55	Missouri	7
34	Oklahoma	17
10	Kansas State	0
19	Nebraska	19
16	Oklahoma State	12
30	Kansas	24
17	Iowa State	14
	Blockbuster Bowl	
25	Alabama	30

IOWA STATE (3-7-1, 1-5-1)

42	Eastern Illinois	13
10	Iowa	29
6	Wisconsin	7
28	Rice	27
8	Oklahoma	29
0	Kansas	41
6	Oklahoma State	6
23	Missouri	22
7	Kansas State	37
13	Nebraska	38
14	Colorado	17

KANSAS STATE (7-4, 4-3)

26	Indiana State	25
41	Idaho State	7
34	Northern Illinois	17
3	Washington	56
16	Kansas	12
31	Nebraska	38
0	Colorado	10
7	Oklahoma	28
37	Iowa State	7
32	Missouri	0
36	Oklahoma State	26

OKLAHOMA STATE (0-10-1, 0-6-1)

7	Tulsa	13
3	Arizona State	30
21	TCU	24
3	Miami (FL)	40
15	Nebraska	49
7	Missouri	41
6	Iowa State	6
0	Kansas	31
12	Colorado	16
6	Oklahoma	21
26	Kansas State	36

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MISSOURI (3-7-1, 1-6-0)

23	Illinois	19
21	Baylor	47
27	Indiana	27
31	Memphis State	21
7	Colorado	55
41	Oklahoma State	7
6	Nebraska	63
22	Iowa State	23
16	Oklahoma	56
0	Kansas State	32
29	Kansas	53

KANSAS (6-5, 3-4)

30	Toledo	7
23	Tulsa	17
54	New Mexico State	14
19	Virginia	31
12	Kansas State	16
41	Iowa State	0
3	Oklahoma	41
31	Oklahoma State	0
23	Nebraska	59
24	Colorado	30
53	Missouri	29

NEBRASKA (9-2-1, 6-0-1)

59	Utah State	28
71	Colorado State	14
21	Washington	36
18	Arizona State	9
49	Oklahoma State	15
38	Kansas State	31
63	Missouri	6
19	Colorado	19
59	Kansas	23
38	Iowa State	13
19	Oklahoma	14
	Orange Bowl	
0	Miami (FL)	22

OKLAHOMA (9-3, 5-2)

40	North Texas	2
55	Utah State	21
27	Virginia Tech	17
29	Iowa State	8
7	Texas	10
17	Colorado	34
41	Kansas	3
28	Kansas State	7
56	Missouri	16
21	Oklahoma State	6
14	Nebraska	19
	Gator Bowl	
48	Virginia	14

Advantage: Dodge



Trev Alberts — are back. Sophomore Donta Jones and Prop 48 sophomore Dwayne Harris also could challenge.

Offensively, Nebraska's strength starts at I-back with Brown and Jones, who might play together at times. Osborne used Brown some at wingback in spring practice.

"I could envision Derek playing 25 percent of the time at wingback," Osborne said. "Overall, he and Calvin will each get about 65 to 70 percent of the time on the field.

"They are really good players. We're going to try to get all we can out of them."

Blocking for Brown and Jones will be one of Nebraska's more physically gifted offensive lines.

"We've got more big people who can move pretty well than ever before," Osborne said of a group that has three returning starters and two others who started at least one game last year.

"There will be a lot of things to iron out. But at least the talent is there."

The top 12 candidates at tackle, guard and center average 286.6 pounds a man. Two years ago, the average was 264.6 pounds.

The top three tackles are 6-foot-4, 297-pound junior Lance Lundberg, 6-foot-4, 310-pound sophomore Zach Wiegert and 6-foot-4, 316-pound sophomore Rob Zatechka.

At right guard is the 6-foot-1, 301-pound Shields, a two-year starter. The left guard candidates include 6-foot-4, 281-pound sophomore Brenden Stai and 6-foot-5, 277-pound senior T.J. Slansky.

At center, part-time starter Jim Scott, a 6-foot-2, 265-pound senior, is back, with 6-foot-1, 275-pound senior Terris Chorney as a backup.

In the backfield, joining the quar-

terback scramble and the I-back stars will be senior fullback Lance Lewis with senior Andre McDuffy as a backup.

Nebraska lost its three starting receivers, but Osborne said tight end, split end and wingback are far from bankrupt.

Senior William Washington, a 260-pounder with a 4.6 time in the 40, is an All-Big Eight candidate at tight end. Junior Gerald Armstrong is his likely backup.

At split end, senior Tyrone Hughes,

Paul Hawley and split end Reggie Baul.

The kicking game appears strong with the return of senior punter Mike Stigge and junior place-kicker Byron Bennett.

Stigge's 42-yard average last year was Nebraska's best in 10 years. Bennett hit 45 of 50 extra points and 11 of 18 field goals.

"We've got maybe one of the four or five best punters in the country in Stigge," Osborne said. "And we've got an excellent kickoff man in Byron and a reasonably good field goal man in Byron."

The Huskers spent extra time in the spring working on special teams. Last year, for just the second time since Osborne became head coach in 1973, NU's special teams failed to score. The only other year with no safeties or returns for touchdown was 1975.

In recruiting, the Huskers signed 22 players, 12 of whom ran 100 meters in less than 11 seconds. As a group, Osborne labeled the newcomers "a 9 or a 10" on a scale of 1 to 10.

"That doesn't mean I think we did a better job than Texas A&M or Florida," he said. "But if you look at our geography, our weather, the fact that we lost our bowl game and the new rules, this far exceeds what I thought would happen."

Among the newcomers with the best chance to contribute this fall, coaches said,

are the quarterbacks Frazier and Rutz; defensive tackle Larry Townsend of San Jose, Calif.; cornerbacks Eric Stokes of Lincoln, Neb., and Kareem Moss of Garden City (Kan.) Junior College; and I-back Marvin Sims of Apple Valley, Minn.

"We've got quite a few pieces of the puzzle to be added in the fall," Osborne said. "A lot of pieces on offense are pretty good. Again, the big 'if' is how good the quarterback is going to be." □



Outside linebacker, senior Travis Hill, rotated as a starter last year.

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at 4.42, and sophomore Corey Dixon, at 4.40, will give the Huskers their best speed combination ever at that spot.

At wingback, sophomore Abdul Muhammad and senior Vincent Hawkins are the top candidates to replace Nate Turner.

Four other Prop 48 players could challenge in the fall if they qualify academically. They are cornerback Barron Miles, tight end Charles Randolph, defensive tackle

CORNHUSKERS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Larry ARNOLD LB All-Suburban (Cleveland) League linebacker... Also had 20 catches and 2 TDs on offense... Had run a 11.0 speed in the 100 and 23.3 speed in the 200... Member of school's state-qualifying swimming team.	6-5, 215	Copley, OH	Copley
Damon BENNING RB Led state in rushing with 1,548 yards and 19 TDs as a senior I-back... Played quarterback his junior year... Named captain of All-Metro team... Tied state record with nine consecutive 100-yard games... Averaged 24.1 yards on kickoff returns and 15.1 on punt returns.	5-10, 175	Omaha	Northwest
Willis BROWN WB All-State selection... Ran for more than 1,000 yards in first six games before being slowed by a hamstring injury... Finished with 1,143 yards... Has run 100 in 10.5... Finished fourth in state track meet as a junior.	5-8, 165	Edmond, OK	Memorial
Clinton CHILDS RB Nebraska's leading rusher as a junior with 1,428 yards... Gained 1,495 as a senior... Averaged 186.9 yards per game... Set conference mark with 370-yard performance in one game... Gained 3,947 rushing yards in his career.	6-0, 200	Omaha	North
Chris DISHMAN OL All-State performer... Two-way standout... Will be tried at guard... Has run 4.99 in the 40... Standout wrestler... Throws shot put and discus on track team.	6-4, 275	Cozad	Cozad
Tommie FRAZIER QB USA Today All-American... Threw for 2,600 yards and 30 TDs and ran for 1,600 and 33 TDs as a two-year starter... Considered by some as the nation's top option quarterback... Has been timed at 4.5 in the 40.	6-1, 190	Bradenton, FL	Manatee
Jon HESSE LB Regarded by some as the top prospect in Nebraska... Played five positions at Southeast... Two-time All-State pick as defensive back and linebacker... Also played running back, wide receiver, wingback, returned punts and handled place-kicking chores... Academic All-State.	6-4, 210	Lincoln	Southeast
Mike MINTER DB-RB Two-way player recruited as a safety... He led state's largest class with 1,589 rushing yards and 21 TDs, averaging 8.5 yards per carry... High school coach calls him one of biggest hitters he's coached... From same high school as Husker All-American guard Will Shields.	5-11, 175	Lawton, OK	Lawton
Ed MORROW LB Prep All-American... Had 83 tackles and 7 interceptions as a senior despite missing two games because of injury... Had 95 tackles and 4 interceptions as a junior... Two-time big-school All-State pick.	6-5, 225	St. Louis, MO	McCluer
Kareem MOSS CB Transfer from Garden City (Kan.) juko... Has three years eligibility... Outstanding kick returner and considered one of the league's top DBs... All-State at Spartanburg High School... Has run 10.5 in the 100 and 21.5 in the 200.	5-10, 182	Spartanburg, SC	Garden City CC
Jeff OGARD OL Two-way All-State lineman... Played tackle both ways... Had 79 tackles as a senior... Three-sport standout... State champ in wrestling and shot put.	6-6, 275	St. Paul	St. Paul

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Ben RUTZ QB All-State... 3-year starter... Passed for 1,500 yards and 15 TDs as a senior, 1,850 yards as a junior... His career numbers were 4,388 yards and 34 TDs on 55 percent completions... One of three signees from Oklahoma.	6-1, 180	Oklahoma City, OK	Putnam City West
Scott SALTSMAN MG Member of Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Top 100 list... Had 89 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior despite missing two games because of knee injury... Had 27 career sacks... Standout baseball player.	6-2, 255	Wichita Falls, TX	Rider
T.J. SCRIBNER TE-LB Played eight-man football... Second-team All-State All-Class... Named 8-man offensive Player-of-the-Year by one newspaper, defensive Player-of-the-Year by another... Rushed for 2,358 yards, passed for 482, caught 27 passes for 518 yards and had 481 tackles and 56 sacks.	6-3, 220	Omaha	Brownell-Talbot
Marvin SIMS RB Parade All-American... Two-time All-State choice... Ran for 1,500 yards as a junior and 1,100 as a senior... Second in the state as a junior in the 100-meter dash... Led the suburban Twin Cities school to a 20-3 record his last two years.	5-9, 175	Apple Valley, MN	Apple Valley
Jim STIEBEL OG Three-year two-way starter... Had 90 tackles and 3 sacks as a senior... Blocked 6 punts... Two-time All-State... All-Metro St. Louis... Helped Althoff win state titles in 1989 and 1990.	6-4, 255	Belleville, IL	Althoff
Eric STOKES DB Two-time team captain... All-State cornerback as a senior... East's all-time rushing leader for a single season (1,203 yards) and career (2,309)... Preseason Super Prep All-American.	5-10, 175	Lincoln	East
Ryan TERWILLIGER LB-TB Named All-State, All-Class as defensive end-outside linebacker... Class C-1 defensive Player-of-the-Year... Rushed for 1,794 yards and 40 TDs the last two years... Had 133 tackles the last two years despite injury-plagued senior season.	6-5, 205	Grant	Perkins County
Larry TOWNSEND DT Started on both sides of the ball, but will concentrate on defense at Nebraska... Had 165 tackles and 18 sacks the last two seasons, including 85 tackles and 10 sacks his senior year... Named West Coast defensive Player-of-the-Year by Super Prep.	6-5, 265	San Jose, CA	Yerba Buena
Leonard WASHINGTON DT Two-time All-Class All-State pick... Won All-State honors despite two arthroscopic knee surgeries... Teammate of fellow recruit Clinton Childs.	6-4, 275	Omaha	Omaha North
Riley WASHINGTON WB-CB Two-way standout... Rushed for 1,200 as a senior and 1,100 as a junior... Also played defensive back... Recorded California's third-fastest 100 time in 1991 at 10.43.	5-9, 160	San Diego, CA	Southwest
Toby WRIGHT FS Junior college All-American... Led Phoenix in tackles in '91 with 119 and nine QB sacks... Also had 2 interceptions... Attended Dobson High School in Phoenix... Enrolled at Nebraska in January and participated in spring ball.	6-1, 205	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix College

SPRING UPDATE

Senior quarterback Mike Grant suffered a hairline fracture of his right collarbone in a scrimmage and missed the last two weeks of spring practice. But Coach Tom Osborne said Grant should be healed in time for the season. "Next fall, Mike will start out with the first team," Osborne said. "Because of his experience, he's not going to start out on the second or third team — particularly with an injury involved."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Tony Veland finished the spring working with the No. 1 offense and posted impressive numbers. In seven scrimmages, he rushed 52 times for 278 yards (5.3 average) and five touchdowns and completed 20 of 31 passes (64.5 percent) for 228 yards, one touchdown and one interception. "Tony's playing pretty well," Osborne said. "For the amount of snaps he has had, he's doing fine."

Tyrone Hughes will stay at split end after pondering playing cornerback, too. "We thought it over," said receivers coach Ron Brown, "and didn't feel it would be very advantageous for the team. We felt Tyrone wouldn't be super at either one if he tried both. He could be super at one or the other." Hughes, who caught 12 passes for 208 yards last year, played cornerback in the Orange Bowl after suffering a fractured wrist last November returning a punt against Colorado.

Senior fullback Lance Lewis had shoulder surgery after the spring game to clear up scar tissue. Lewis, the 1991 Big Eight outdoor shot-put champion, is expected to be full strength in the fall.

Senior cornerback Kevin Wilhite played in the spring game despite having major

knee surgery just five months earlier. "Just to be back put a smile on my face," he said. "I wasn't supposed to be back this soon." Secondary coach George Darlington said, "To have him back helps that position immensely. He's potentially an All-Big Eight cornerback and has played well in big games and done extremely well."

Junior defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers said he will play this fall despite tearing a knee ligament in January. "Don't write that garbage anymore about me not playing. I will be back."

Junior middle guard David Noonan suffered a severe ankle sprain in spring practice. "We didn't get him near the work we wanted," defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "Injuries like his kept us from having anything close to our first-team defense on the field all spring."

Senior guard T.J. Slansky underwent an appendectomy and missed the last two weeks of spring practice.

After the spring game, work began on replacing Nebraska's 8-year-old artificial turf in Memorial Stadium with a new AstroTurf surface. The estimated cost was \$890,000. The turf is from the same company that has replaced surfaces at Colorado, Kansas and Kansas State the past two years.

Osborne said he wasn't a candidate to replace Bob Devaney as Nebraska's athletic director. The school began a nationwide search for a new AD in April. Devaney, 77, will retire in January after 25 years as AD to become a fund-raising consultant to the chancellor.

SCHEDULES

COLORADO

Sept. 5	COLORADO STATE
Sept. 12	at Baylor
Sept. 19	at Minnesota
Sept. 26	IOWA
Oct. 10	at Missouri
Oct. 17	OKLAHOMA
Oct. 24	KANSAS STATE
Oct. 31	at Nebraska
Nov. 7	OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 14	at Kansas
Nov. 21	IOWA STATE

IOWA STATE

Sept. 5	OHIO UNIVERSITY
Sept. 12	at Iowa
Sept. 19	TULANE
Sept. 26	NORTHERN IOWA
Oct. 3	at Oklahoma
Oct. 17	KANSAS
Oct. 24	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 31	MISSOURI
Nov. 7	at Kansas State
Nov. 14	NEBRASKA
Nov. 21	at Colorado

KANSAS STATE

Sept. 19	MONTANA
Sept. 26	TEMPLE
Oct. 3	NEW MEXICO STATE
Oct. 10	at Kansas
Oct. 17	at Utah State
Oct. 24	at Colorado
Oct. 31	at Oklahoma
Nov. 7	IOWA STATE
Nov. 14	at Missouri
Nov. 21	OKLAHOMA STATE
Dec. 6	Nebraska at Tokyo

OKLAHOMA STATE

Sept. 5	INDIANA STATE
Sept. 19	at Michigan
Sept. 26	TULSA
Oct. 3	at Texas Christian
Oct. 10	at Nebraska
Oct. 17	MISSOURI
Oct. 24	IOWA STATE
Oct. 31	at Kansas
Nov. 7	at Colorado
Nov. 14	OKLAHOMA
Nov. 21	at Kansas State

1992 BIG 8



Dodge Stealth R/T Turbo

MISSOURI

Sept. 12	at Illinois
Sept. 19	TEXAS A&M
Sept. 26	at Indiana
Oct. 3	MARSHALL
Oct. 10	COLORADO
Oct. 17	at Oklahoma State
Oct. 24	NEBRASKA
Oct. 31	at Iowa State
Nov. 7	at Oklahoma
Nov. 14	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 21	KANSAS

KANSAS

Sept. 5	at Oregon State
Sept. 12	BALL STATE
Sept. 19	at Tulsa
Sept. 24	CALIFORNIA
Oct. 10	KANSAS STATE
Oct. 17	at Iowa State
Oct. 24	OKLAHOMA
Oct. 31	OKLAHOMA STATE
Nov. 7	at Nebraska
Nov. 14	COLORADO
Nov. 21	at Missouri

NEBRASKA

Sept. 5	UTAH
Sept. 12	Middle Tennessee State
Sept. 19	at Washington
Sept. 26	ARIZONA STATE
Oct. 10	OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 24	at Missouri
Oct. 31	COLORADO
Nov. 7	KANSAS
Nov. 14	at Iowa State
Nov. 21	at Oklahoma
Dec. 6	Kansas State at Tokyo

OKLAHOMA

Sept. 3	at Texas Tech
Sept. 12	ARKANSAS STATE
Sept. 19	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Oct. 3	IOWA STATE
Oct. 10	Texas at Dallas
Oct. 17	at Colorado
Oct. 24	at Kansas
Oct. 31	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 7	MISSOURI
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Advantage: Dodge

A close-up photograph of a Colorado football player in action. He is wearing a gold helmet with a black facemask and a black jersey with gold and white stripes on the sleeves. The word "COLORADO" and the number "34" are visible on his jersey. He is wearing gold pants and black gloves. The background is blurred, showing other players and spectators.

SNAKES AND SACKS

COLORADO'S CHAD BROWN COLLECTS BOTH

By JIM THOMAS

When it comes to pets, most children are perfectly content with a dog, a cat, maybe a rabbit. Something cute, fluffy, endearing.

Chad Brown wasn't most children. "I've always wanted snakes since I was little," he said. "My mother, she would have none of it."

Then Brown grew up, left the family home in Altadena, Calif., and went to the University of Colorado to play football. And keep snakes. What could Mom say? She was back in California

"I got one, then I got a second, and it started going from there," Brown said. Boy, did it.

The latest available reptile census from the Brown abode in Boulder shows:

- 5 California king snakes.
- 4 Boa constrictors.
- 3 Ball pythons.
- 2 Pueblan milk snakes.
- 2 Albino San Diego gopher snakes.

Is that everyone?

Oops, forgot about those six leopard geckos. (They're just lizards.)

Only one of the snakes has a name. That's the 3 1/2-year-old female boa named Fear. She was Brown's first snake. She's also the one that escaped into the heating system of Brown's dormitory room during his freshman year at CU.

Never mind that pets were forbidden in dormitories.

"I checked the cage and she was not there," Brown recalled. "I looked around. I turned the whole room upside down and I couldn't find her."

"There's a little space between the heater and the wall. I looked back there and she's behind the wall. I had to almost take the heater apart and squeeze myself into the wall and pull her out."

Well, at least Fear didn't bite him.

That's happened on a couple of occasions.

Episode No. 1:

"I was reaching into the big one's cage — the (boa) that's 8 1/2 feet long," Brown said. "I stumbled and my hand was coming right towards her face. She just kind of reached out and struck me. She

didn't hold on. She just kind of let go."

Episode No. 2 (Different snake):

"My cages are stacked on top of each other, and it was a really high cage," Brown said. "I was dangling a rat and she missed the rat and bit my hand."

This snake didn't let go.

"I sold that snake," Brown said.

None of his snakes are poisonous, thank goodness. So the bites are, uh, just bites.

"It's just like a cut," Brown said. "You just clean it out and make sure it doesn't get infected."

Brown has since learned that it's always helpful if the snake knows the difference between your hand and the rat at feeding time.

Mice and rabbits are also snake favorites at mealtime. They usually down two to three at a sitting.

To save money, Brown buys his snake food — be it mice, rats or rabbits — frozen in large quantities. Then at feeding time, he pops a couple of rats into the microwave and — presto! — it's a meal fit for a king (snake).

Just kidding on the microwave.

"What I usually do is just put them in hot water," Brown explained.

These days, Brown breeds and sells snakes. They have become quite the conversation piece when friends drop in. Small talk centers around who has just laid an egg, who's expecting, etc.

Not that Colorado's outside linebackers coach, Bob Simmons, has ever taken part in these conversations.

"I make sure I don't go over to Chad's house," Simmons said. "I mean, he's a very different individual when it comes to reptiles. . . . He knows that the coaches around here, not only myself, are afraid of snakes. And he uses that to his advantage at times."

Like team photo day a couple of years ago. The coaches were in a staff meeting when Brown and former CU quarterback Darian Hagan snuck into the meeting room. Brown yelled, "Coach!"

"We turn around, and there was a big snake staring us right in the face," Simmons said. "The coaches got up and

just got the heck out of there."

None of this snake business might have occurred had Brown stayed close to home. He made several Best-In-The-West teams at John Muir High in Altadena, and was recruited by most of the West Coast schools.

"My dad wanted me to get out of state and grow up," Brown said. "He thought if I went to USC or UCLA, I'd be home every weekend, and I'd be hanging with my high school buddies who weren't really doing anything."

He really didn't think much of Colorado when he first heard from the Buffaloes, but he liked his recruiting trip and his parents liked Colorado. Besides, he had an aunt in Denver to keep an eye on him.

He arrived in Boulder in 1988, and broke into the starting lineup as a sophomore in 1990. The H-Boys were the toast of Boulder then. Houston-bred linebackers Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee, that is.

But they left for fame, fortune and the National Football League after the 1991 season, leaving what most observers figured would be huge holes in the Buffs' defense.

"Everybody was saying, 'How can they replace the H-Boys?'" Brown said.

Easy. The Buffaloes went from the H-Boys to the Killer Bs. That's B as in Brown and Greg Biekert. Together they combined for 264 tackles last season, Brown at outside linebacker and Biekert inside.

Brown had eight sacks. Biekert had a team-high 16 third-down stops. Both were All-Big Eight picks.

This year, they're both gunning for All-American honors as seniors. And with a little help from their friends, most notably junior outside 'backer Ron Woolfork, they form what some consider the nation's top linebacking unit.

Brown isn't about to argue the point.

"I've heard talk about that," he said. "Now that I tend to think about it, yeah. I don't think it's really obvious and overwhelming, but I do think so."

Actually, the Buffaloes might get

PHOTO OF CHAD BROWN BY TIM DEFRISCO / ALLSPORT

some argument on the subject right in their own conference from rival Nebraska. Led by Travis Hill, a 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior from Pearland, Texas, the Cornhuskers have a pretty salty linebacking crew of their own.

Hill, who is back for his third season as a starter at left outside linebacker, is very much the pro prospect himself. David White and Trev Alberts are experienced hands at right outside linebacker. On the inside, Mike Anderson is back after recording 80 tackles last fall, the second-highest total on the squad. Breaking into the other inside starting berth should be Darren Williams, a junior whom the Huskers' coaches are high on.

"The only person I've really heard about is Travis Hill," Brown said. "We had a few words during last year's game, but no big deal. I was on the punt team and he was on punt return team. And we kind of knew that we were competing for a Big Eight spot, so we said a few things."

They'll renew their acquaintance on Oct. 31 when Colorado meets Nebraska in Lincoln.

Hill is trying to add his name to the recent list of standouts to play linebacker at Nebraska, a group that has included Broderick "Sandman" Thomas, Jeff Mills and Mike Croel. Brown and Biekert are trying to do the same thing at Colorado.

"The one thing I think we've started here because of Alfred and Kanavis is a little bit of a tradition at the position," Simmons said. "This year we were able to recruit two of the top kids in the country at that position."

Simmons was referring to Greg Jones and Thadus Swazer, both of whom happen to be from Denver.

So is Colorado becoming Penn State West when it comes to cranking out linebackers?

"Trying to," Simmons said with laugh.

Brown and Co. certainly have picked up the baton from the H-Boys without missing a stride. Despite a huge talent drain from the 1990 co-national championship team, the Buffaloes' defense kept the '91 team in every game. The Buffs finished 11th nationally in scoring defense

en route to an 8-3-1 season and a share of their third straight Big Eight title. Only two teams scored 20 or more points against CU during the regular season.

With eight defensive starters returning, the Buffaloes are looking to be even stingier this season. And even more aggressive.

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defense," Brown said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to do what I do best, which is make plays."

"It's a new philosophy. We figure if we're going to attack people on offense, why not attack people on defense, too. We probably blitzed maybe five to 10 times a game before. Now, we're going to go a lot more than that."

Which is just fine with Brown. At 6 feet 3, 240-pounds and with 4.6 speed in the 40, Brown is a crunching tackle waiting to happen.

He was teamed inside with Biekert in 1990, the senior seasons for the much-heralded McGhee and Williams.

"They were on the outside funneling the tackles towards me and Biekert, so we felt they deserved the credit they were getting," Brown said.

When incoming junior-college recruit Sam Rogers failed to meet eligibility requirements last fall, Brown was quickly shuffled outside shortly before the start of preseason camp.

At first, he wasn't thrilled with the move outside.

"I was just getting to know what I was doing," Brown said. "I wasn't just out

there running around. I was really understanding and thinking. Now I was going to a whole new position."

He made a swift adjustment, however, in a move that helped solidify the Buffaloes' defensive unit.

"Chad is an excellent player," Simmons said. "He's got great ability,

great quickness. He's a young man I think you're going to end up seeing play on Sunday."

If so, the others in the CU linebacking corps aren't far behind.

At 6-foot-3, 220-pounds, Biekert is your basic load. While opposing runners were running away from McGhee and Williams in 1990, they ran right into the Longmont, Colo., product. He recorded a league-leading 150 tackles that season, including a school-record 20 against Illinois.

"He's probably as solid a person, physically, as I've ever seen in my life," Brown said. "I don't know what they do in Longmont, toss hay bales around or something, but he's just solid. And he hits so hard."

Woolfork, out of Henry Ford High School in Detroit, was recruited as a wishbone quarterback, but was switched to linebacker after one season in Boulder. "He was recruited to run the option," Brown said. "That says what kind of athlete he is. And he's 235 (pounds) now. He's just getting to learn the position."

If so, call Woolfork a quick study. He led the team in sacks last year with 13, a figure that was second in the Big Eight to Jason Gildon's 16 at Oklahoma State.

The fourth starting linebacker berth in the Buffaloes' 3-4 alignment, an inside position, is up for grabs between sophomores Ted Johnson and Jon Knutson, plus junior Richard Fisher.

Brown says he and his linebacking teammates go their separate ways off the field.

"We're all from different places and we all have different lives and different friends," he said. "But once we get on the field, we're always laughing and joking. Beek's a really, really funny guy. He doesn't stop sometimes. He wants to wrestle and play with you and hit you."

Which makes Biekert slightly more affectionate, but only marginally less dangerous, than one of Brown's snakes. □

BIG EIGHT 1991 LEAGUE LEADERS

TOP SCORERS

Name	School	TD	PAT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
*JONES	Nebraska	14	0	0	86	8.6
*EICHLOFF	Kansas	0	31	18	85	7.7
*BROWN	Nebraska	14	0	0	84	7.6
GADDIS	Oklahoma	14	0	0	84	7.6
*HILLEARY	Kansas	14	0	0	84	7.6
*BENNETT	Nebraska	0	45	11	78	7.1
*JACKE	Missouri	0	17	11	50	5.6
SANDS	Kansas	9	0	0	54	4.9
*GALLON	Kansas State	9	0	0	54	4.9
HARPER	Colorado	0	30	8	54	4.9

TOP PASS RECEIVERS

Name	School	No	Yards	Avg	TD	Cmp/G
SMITH	Kansas State	55	768	13.9	6	5.00
*MILLINER	Oklahoma St.	47	631	13.4	3	4.27
KIRKSEY	Oklahoma St.	43	614	14.3	5	3.91
DRAYTON	Kansas	34	439	12.9	3	3.09
CAMPBELL	Kansas State	32	595	18.6	2	2.91
*HOLLY	Missouri	31	399	12.9	1	2.82
MITCHELL	Nebraska	31	534	17.5	5	2.82
LEACH	Missouri	27	316	11.7	3	2.70
HERNANDEZ	Kansas State	23	231	10.1	0	2.56
*WARREN	Oklahoma	26	365	14.1	3	2.36

TOP PUNT RETURNERS

Name	School	No	Yards	TD	Avg
*McMILLION	Iowa State	17	251	0	14.8
*GAY	Kansas	15	182	0	12.1
HAGAN	Colorado	25	287	0	11.5
SMITH	Kansas State	27	250	0	9.3
*DIXON	Nebraska	15	101	0	6.7

TOP KICKOFF RETURNERS

Name	School	No	Yards	TD	Avg
*HUGHES	Nebraska	16	338	0	21.1
*BENTON	Kansas State	16	324	0	20.3
*OLIVER	Missouri	20	358	0	17.9
*WHITE	Kansas	15	263	0	17.5
*HILL	Iowa State	19	294	0	15.5

TOP INTERCEPTORS

Name	School	No	Yards	Avg	TD	Int/G
*HARMON	Oklahoma St.	6	90	15.0	0	0.55
FRANKS	Oklahoma	5	75	15.0	1	0.45
BELSER	Oklahoma	5	72	14.4	0	0.45
*HUDSON	Colorado	4	111	27.8	1	0.36
PRICE	Kansas State	4	63	15.8	0	0.36
HILL	Kansas	4	39	9.8	0	0.36
*WALKER	Oklahoma	4	58	14.5	0	0.36

FIELD GOALS

Name	School	FG	FGA	Pct	FG/G
*EICHLOFF	Kansas	18	24	0.75	1.64
*JACKE	Missouri	11	14	0.79	1.22
*STEWART	Iowa State	12	17	0.71	1.09
*BENNETT	Nebraska	11	18	0.61	1.00
HARPER	Colorado	8	13	0.62	0.73
WRIGHT	Kansas State	8	15	0.53	0.73
MYERS	Oklahoma St.	7	12	0.58	0.64

TOP RUSHERS

Name	School	No	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
SANDS	Kansas	273	1442	5.3	9	131.10
*BROWN	Nebraska	230	1313	5.7	14	119.40
GADDIS	Oklahoma	221	1240	5.6	14	112.70
*GALLON	Kansas State	224	1102	4.9	9	100.20
*WARREN	Colorado	157	830	5.3	7	92.22
*JONES	Nebraska	108	900	8.3	14	90.00

TOP PUNTERS

Name	School	No	Yards	Avg
*EICHLOFF	Kansas	53	2286	43.1
*STIGGE	Nebraska	39	1639	42.0
*BERGER	Colorado	58	2364	40.8
*SNYDER	Kansas State	55	2228	40.5
*REDELL	Oklahoma	54	2153	39.9
SCHNOOR	Iowa State	60	2324	38.7

TOP PASSERS

Name	School	Att	Comp	Pct	Yards	Yds/Att	TD	Int	Comp/G	Yds/G	Points
McCANT	Nebraska	168	97	57.7	1454	14.9	13	8	8.8	132.2	146.5
HAGAN	Colorado	170	88	51.8	1228	13.9	12	6	8.0	111.6	128.7
WATSON	Kansas State	304	172	56.6	2312	13.4	10	10	15.6	210.2	124.7
*GUNDY	Oklahoma	172	91	52.9	1228	13.5	8	7	9.1	122.8	120.1
*JOHNSON	Missouri	311	167	53.7	2029	12.2	14	13	15.2	184.5	115.0

* Returning Players

COLORADO BUFFALOES

BUFFS BID FOR FOUR IN A ROW IS NO PASSING FANCY

BY CRAIG HARPER



It didn't take Bill McCartney long into the 1991 season to start thinking it might be time to bring Colorado's offense into the '90s.

One game in particular caught his attention: Washington's 36-21 victory over Nebraska in Lincoln in which the Huskies' one-back offense rolled up 618 yards total offense.

For several years, the Big Eight's best have routinely been taken apart in non-conference and bowl games by teams with more balanced offenses. That fact did not escape McCartney, even though his '91 Buffs were less than a year removed from a national title that was largely due to the development of the running-oriented I-bone, a hybrid of the wishbone which he installed in 1985.

When McCartney detected a dip in the offensive numbers for a second straight year in 1991, he didn't hesitate to make change.

Even though he had one of the nation's best option quarterbacks playing his final college game, McCartney installed a one-back offense in the weeks leading up to CU's Blockbuster Bowl game against Alabama.

Predictably, the results were embarrassing: Hagan misfired on his first seven passes, was 1-of-12 for 31 yards at half-time. He did manage to rally CU and almost pull out a victory in a 30-25 loss by throwing a pair of second-half touchdown passes, but for the night Hagan completed just 11 of 30 for 210 yards (62 on a touchdown pass that Michael Westbrook caught near the line of scrimmage) and was sacked seven times.

But McCartney has not hedged on his move. While Nebraska and Oklahoma continue to make piecemeal additions to

their passing game, Colorado is doing it wholesale.

The one-back — three wide receivers, one running back — will be Colorado's base offense this year, and the Buffs, who threw the ball one of every four plays last year, hope to throw it every other play.

McCartney, who lost his offensive coordinator a month before the Blockbuster Bowl, promoted Les Steckel to the position in February. Steckel was an assistant with the Minnesota Vikings in 1980 when they became the first NFL team to make the one-back their primary offensive set. Steckel coached 10 years in the NFL, including a one-year stint as

head man for the Vikings after Bud Grant's initial retirement.

Why the one-back?

"I think it's causing defenses a lot more problems today than any other single phase of football," McCartney said.

He believes it's more than a coincidence that the following teams have had success with the one-back: 1.) Washington and Miami, last year's only two undefeated Division I-A teams; 2.) the Washington Redskins and Buffalo Bills, last season's Super Bowl teams; 3.) Tulsa, San Diego State, Kansas State and Rice, teams that generally have some recruiting limits.

McCartney isn't a stranger to passing offenses. When he took over the program in 1982, Colorado was a passing team, and stayed that way for three years. But, those three years were losing seasons. Believing that the best way to compete with Nebraska and Oklahoma was to develop running games like theirs, McCartney turned to the wishbone in 1985. It was a rousing success, as CU was 58-24-2 the next seven years and went unbeaten (20-0-1) the last three years in Big Eight play.

"We've won the Big Eight three years in a row, so a lot of people say if it's not broken, don't fix it," McCartney said. "But, I want to be on the cutting edge of what it's going to take to go into the '90s, and I think we have to change. I think we've got the players and coaches to do it."

The big question heading into the 1992 season is who will be throwing the passes for Colorado.

The Buffs had three prospects in the spring and will add the sibling of a former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback in the fall, Koy Detmer. Junior Vance Joseph, Hagan's backup last year who pulled out

COLORADO AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Offensive and defensive lines, receivers, linebackers, running backs and punting game.

Possible Weaknesses: Proven quarterback, safeties, and leadership offensively.

Players to Watch: Mitch Berger, P; Greg Biekert, LB; Ronnie Bradford, S; Chad Brown, LB; Jeff Brunner, NT; Marcellous Elder, DT; Deon Figures, CB; Jim Hansen, OT; James Hill, RB; Charles Johnson, WR; Vance Joseph, QB; Clint Moore, OG; Leonard Renfro, DT; Sam Rogers NT/LB; Kordell Stewart, QB; Lamont Warren, TB; Michael Westbrook, WR; Ron Woolfork, LB.

The Buffs have a great athlete at outside linebacker in Chad Brown.

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SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
	Derek Agnew	CB	So.	5-10	175	Los Angeles, CA	74	Dolyn Jackson	OG	Jr.	6-3	290	Denver
5	Blake Anderson	SS	So.	6-0	180	Palos Verdes, CA	84	James Jackson	WR	Jr.	6-3	180	Matteson, IL
70	Craig Anderson	OT	Jr.	6-4	280	Alamo, CA	1	Brannon Johnson	PK	So.	5-10	180	Colorado Springs
6	Jim Archibald	PK	So.	5-10	175	Littleton	9	Charles Johnson	WR	Jr.	6-0	185	San Bernardino, CA
98	Norm Barnett	ILB	So.	6-1	235	Pueblo	46	Ted Johnson	ILB	So.	6-4	230	Carlsbad, CA
17	Mitch Berger	P	Jr.	6-3	215	Delta, British Columbia	1	Vance Joseph	QB	Jr.	5-10	190	Marrero, LA
50	Tony Berti	DT	So.	6-6	250	Thornton	41	John Katovich	ILB	Jr.	6-3	220	Corona Del Mar, CA
30	Matthew Bickel	SS	So.	6-3	205	Littleton	25	Jack Keys	WR	Sr.	5-11	175	Yardley, PA
19	Greg Biekert	ILB	So.	6-3	230	Longmont	91	Ikaika Kinkaid	ILB	Fr.	6-0	215	Honolulu, HI
4	Justin Blake	PK	So.	5-10	175	Bellevue, WA	36	Jon Knutson	ILB	So.	6-4	230	Great Falls, MT
84	Jason Blatt	TE	So.	6-2	230	Northridge, CA	23	Greg Lindsey	SS	Jr.	6-1	200	Carson, CA
14	Pat Blottiaux	PK	Sr.	6-0	220	Anaheim, CA	25	Greg McClure	CB	Fr.	5-11	185	Vestal, NY
13	Ronnie Bradford	CB	Sr.	5-11	185	Commerce City, CO	4	Erik Mitchell	WR	So.	5-10	160	Los Alamitos, CA
34	Chad Brown	OLB	Sr.	6-3	230	Pasadena, CA	60	Clint Moles	OT	Sr.	6-8	285	Winter Park, FL
69	Ken Browne	OT	So.	6-6	260	Scarborough, Ont., Canada	66	Clint Moore	OG	So.	6-4	285	Longmont
39	Jeff Brunner	NT	Jr.	6-2	255	Sterling	75	Jason Perkins	OG	Sr.	6-4	255	Boise, ID
22	Kendall Bussey	TB	So.	6-3	225	Marrero, LA	43	Scott Phillips	TE	Jr.	6-2	220	Monument
44	Scott Byer	ILB	Fr.	5-11	205	Aurora	57	William Polk	OLB	Jr.	6-2	225	Denver
55	DeShannon Campbell	OLB	So.	6-6	250	Houston, TX	95	Daryl Price	OLB	Fr.	6-5	230	Beaumont, TX
29	Dennis Collier	TB	Jr.	5-9	195	San Bernardino, CA	99	Leonard Renfro	DT	Jr.	6-4	270	Detroit, MI
8	T. J. Cunningham	WR	Fr.	5-11	180	Aurora	53	Jason Robinson	OLB	So.	6-4	230	Denver
21	Dwayne Davis	FS	Jr.	6-2	205	Gulfport, MS	90	Sam Rogers	OLB	Jr.	6-4	240	Detroit, MI
89	Brian Dyet	DT	Jr.	6-6	260	Arvada	29	Tim Ross	FS	Fr.	6-2	195	Simi Valley, CA
97	Marcellous Elder	DT	Sr.	6-5	285	Long Beach, CA	96	Corey Smith	DT	So.	6-3	255	New Orleans, LA
85	Sean Embree	TE	Jr.	6-4	230	Englewood	62	Mark Smith	OC	Jr.	6-2	270	Fresno, CA
86	Christian Fauria	TE	So.	6-4	215	Northridge, CA	38	Scott Starr	CB	Sr.	5-11	175	Greeley
2	Deon Figures	CB	Sr.	6-1	195	Compton, CA	10	Kordell Stewart	QB	So.	6-2	205	Marrero, LA
88	Rich Fisher	ILB	Jr.	6-2	230	Sugarland, TX	64	Bryan Stollenberg	OC	Fr.	6-1	265	Sugarland, TX
87	Garrett Ford	TE	Jr.	6-4	215	Tucson, AZ	78	Chris Stortz	OT	So.	6-6	290	Kenner, LA
90	Eric Gronemeyer	TE	Fr.	6-6	230	Los Angeles, CA	82	Josh Taussig	TE	Fr.	6-2	235	Irvine, CA
76	Chad Hammond	OT	Fr.	6-4	265	Wheat Ridge	20	Ryan Thomas	CB	So.	6-0	180	Fort Collins
77	Jim Hansen	OT	Sr.	6-6	275	Seattle, WA	6	Duke Tobin	QB	Jr.	6-1	195	Arlington Heights, IL
94	Kerry Hicks	DT	Fr.	6-6	235	Salt Lake City, UT	12	Lamont Warren	TB	So.	6-0	185	Inglewood, CA
33	James Hill	TB	Jr.	6-0	210	Colorado Springs	72	Derek West	OT	So.	6-8	280	Arvada
79	Lee Hipp	OG	Fr.	6-4	265	Texas City, TX	81	Michael Westbrook	WR	So.	6-3	205	Detroit, MI
92	Darius Holland	DT	So.	6-4	275	Las Cruces, NM	83	Justin Whatley	WR-P	So.	6-0	180	Westminster
47	Chris Hudson	CB	So.	5-11	190	Houston, TX	49	Dennis Williams	OLB	So.	6-6	220	Spokane, WA
73	Roger Ivey	OG	Jr.	6-3	275	Loveland, OH	56	Ron Woolfolk	OLB	Jr.	6-3	235	Detroit, MI

BUFFALOES STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Hagan	170	88	1228	51.8	12	6
Joseph	37	19	260	51.4	2	0

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Warren	157	830	5.3	74	7
Hagan	133	386	2.9	35	3
Hill	81	362	4.5	37	4

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Brown	24	300	12.5	26	4
Westbrook	22	309	14.0	35	5
Henry	13	292	22.5	65	2
Johnson	13	216	16.6	48	1

TACKLES

Biekert (139), Brown (125),
Renfro (78), Woolfolk (78),
Hamilton (75), Steed (66)

INTERCEPTIONS

Hudson (4), Johnson (3),
Figures (2), Thomas (2)

Coach: Bill McCartney

65-49-3, 10 years

1991 Record: 6-0-1/T 1st; 8-3-1 overall

Stadium: Folsom Field (51,914)

Lettermen Returning: 34

BUFFALOES OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
1	Vance Joseph	Junior
10	Kordell Stewart	Sophomore
Number	Running Back	Year
12	Lamont Warren*	Sophomore
33	James Hill*	Junior
Number	Wingback	Year
81	Michael Westbrook	Sophomore
25	Jack Keys	Senior
Number	Split End	Year
9	Charles Johnson	Junior
5	Blake Anderson	Sophomore
Number	Flanker	Year
4	Erik Mitchell	Sophomore
8	T.J. Cunningham	Freshman
Number	Tight End	Year
86	Christian Fauria	Sophomore
85	Sean Embree	Junior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
72	Derek West	Sophomore
60	Clint Moles	Senior
Number	Left Guard	Year
66	Clint Moore*	Sophomore
73	Roger Ivey*	Junior
Number	Center	Year
64	Bryan Stollenberg	Freshman
50	Tony Berti	Sophomore
Number	Right Guard	Year
70	Craig Anderson*	Junior
75	Jason Perkins	Senior
Number	Right Tackle	Year
77	Jim Hansen*	Senior
76	Chad Hammond	Freshman

BUFFALOES DEFENSE

Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
56	Ron Woolfolk	Junior
95	Daryl Price	Freshman
Number	Left Tackle	Year
99	Leonard Renfro*	Junior
92	Darius Holland	Sophomore
Number	Nose Tackle	Year
39	Jeff Brunner	Junior
55	DeShannon Campbell	Sophomore
Number	Right Tackle	Year
97	Marcellous Elder	Senior
89	Brian Dyet	Junior
Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
34	Chad Brown*	Senior
90	Sam Rogers	Junior
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
19	Greg Biekert*	Senior
98	Norm Barnett	Sophomore
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
46	Ted Johnson	Sophomore
36	Jon Knutson	Sophomore
Number	Left Cornerback	Year
2	Deon Figures*	Senior
20	Ryan Thomas	Sophomore
Number	Right Cornerback	Year
13	Ronnie Bradford*	Senior
29	Dennis Collier	Junior
Number	Safety	Year
21	Dwayne Davis	Junior
23	Greg Lindsey	Junior
Number	Safety	Year
47	Chris Hudson	Sophomore
29	Tim Ross	Freshman

* Denotes returning starters.

victories against Oklahoma State and Kansas, has the experience edge on sophomore Kordell Stewart, who undeniably has the best arm. Stewart is also 6-foot-2, 205 pounds compared with Joseph's 5-foot-10, 195. But Joseph was more than capable as a passer in last year's offense, completing 19 of 37 for 260 yards and two touchdowns.

Also hoping for a chance is junior Duke Tobin, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound transfer from Illinois, which means he is no stranger to a passing offense.

And don't rule out Detmer, a freshman recruit from Mission, Texas, who was a more prolific high school passer than brother Ty, Brigham Young's 1990 Heisman Trophy winner.

McCartney said during spring practices that the quarterback decision probably won't be made until preseason practices begin.

That's partly due to the fact that the Buffs are taking their time putting in the new offense after making major changes following the Blockbuster Bowl. "By the season-opener we want to be at one point, and by the Big Eight opener at another point," McCartney said.

Asked if the offense should be going at full-tilt by the Big Eight opener, McCartney said, "If it's not, shame on us."

Joseph and Stewart were recruited to Colorado as option quarterbacks. Though they probably won't be asked to run the option this year, their running ability will come in handy. The weakest link in CU's offense last year was its line. Four of the five starters return, but gone is All-American center Jay Leeuwenburg.

The returnees now will be asked to become pass blockers, something they haven't spent a great deal of time practicing in their time at Colorado. That was evident in the Blockbuster Bowl, but in that game they were blitzed relentlessly by Alabama.

"It pointed out to us that we really have to start with that and learn to attack the blitzing defenses first," McCartney said, finding a silver cloud. "What we're doing is stretching the defense by spreading out the offense. If they're going to blitz you, it's pretty easy to see it coming."

CU has made one position switch in the line — moving Craig Anderson from left tackle to right guard.

The Buffs did not get consistent play at either guard spot last year. Stepping in for Anderson is 6-foot-8, 280-pound Derek West. Colorado's best lineman is senior right tackle Jim Hansen, a two-time Academic All-American.



The inside linebackers are big and fairly mobile and heading the bunch is 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior Greg Biekert.

Though Colorado lost three receivers who combined for 49 of the team's 112 catches last year, there is some good talent returning, particularly wideouts Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson. Westbrook, a sophomore, reminds people in the Big Eight of former Oklahoma State great Hart Lee Dykes. Westbrook is an excellent athlete at 6-foot-4, 210 pounds, and last year he was second on the team in catches with 22, including a team-high five touchdowns. Johnson, a junior, caught 13 passes while sharing time with Rico Smith at split end.

The third wide receiver spot could go to either speedy Erik Mitchell or red-shirt freshman T.J. Cunningham. But CU also recruited well at wide receiver and some of the incoming freshmen could play immediately. Rae Carruth and James Kidd, both from Sacramento, Calif., might have the best chance of contributing.

CU's tight end and running back will also be counted on to be receivers. Sophomore Christian Fauria should be the No. 1 tight end. He caught just two passes last year, but one was a game-winner on a fake-field goal against Oklahoma State.

Colorado returns two starting running backs, but only one will have a starting job in the new offense. Lamont Warren, who set a school freshman rushing record of 830 yards last year as a tailback, and James Hill (364 yards rushing at fullback) probably will share time. Warren caught 11 passes last year and Hill has also shown that he has good hands.

It's a given that Colorado will be inconsistent on offense, at least in the early stages this season.

The good news for Buff fans is that CU's defense should be the best in the Big Eight, with eight returning starters back from a unit that was 11th nationally in points allowed and in the top 40 in total defense, rushing defense and pass efficiency defense.

Like their offensive counterparts, Colorado's defense will be in for some structural changes, though they are considerably more subtle in nature.

The Buffs introduced a more aggressive, blitzing defense against Alabama in the Blockbuster Bowl, and it was effective in the first half.

Odds are, Colorado won't blitz as much as it did against Alabama, but will blitz more than it did during the regular season.

"When we were fresh, we were good," McCartney said of the defensive strategy in the bowl game. "And, it reinforces that that's the kind of defense we can be: more aggressive and less predictable."

"It'll be a combination of what we did last year and what we did in the bowl game," defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz added. "We tried to be more aggressive in the season, and in the bowl we expanded on it."

BUFFALOES RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Gerald ANCAR OL	6-4, 265	Gretna, LA	Archbishop Shaw
Terranova's <i>Who's Who</i> All-American... 2-year starter, playing tackle and guard... Prep team-mate of Buff QB Vance Joseph... 5.0 speed in the 40... Bench presses 300 pounds.			
Nathan CAMPBELL RB	5-10, 185	Houston, TX	Alief-Elsik
Second-team All-American by <i>Blue Chip Report</i> ... Rushed for 1,560 yards and 24 TDs as a senior... Scored four more TDs on kickoff returns... Rushed for 1,468 yards as a junior despite missing three games with injuries... 4.5 speed in the 40... Baseball and track letterman.			
Rae CARRUTH WR	6-0, 185	Sacramento, CA	Valley
<i>Super Prep</i> All-American, tabbed 22nd best player on its All-Far West team... As a senior, ran 170 times for 1,811 yards and 20 TDs and caught 15 passes for 328 yards and 6 TDs... Returned two kickoffs for touchdowns... Averaged 35 yards on kickoff returns... 4.47 speed in the 40... Basketball and track letterman.			
Shannon CLAVELLE DL	6-4, 270	New Orleans, LA	Walker
<i>Parade</i> All-American as a senior... District MVP as junior and senior... As a senior, had 62 tackles (40 solo), with 12 sacks and 4 fumble recoveries... Had 50 tackles and 9 sacks as a junior... Played tackle on offense... 4.7 speed in the 40.			
Patrick CORCORAN OL	6-4, 280	Bay City, MI	Central
<i>Blue Chip</i> All-American... <i>Super Prep</i> All-Midwest team... Nine sacks and 2 fumble recoveries as a senior... National AAU wrestling champ as a sophomore... His father Dick played for the Bears, Lions and Chiefs... Bench presses 430 pounds.			
Shay DAVIS WR	6-0, 170	Lakewood	Green Mountain
<i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American... Rushed 193 times for 1,340 yards and 25 TDs as a senior... As a junior, he gained 1,930 yards with 20 TDs... Had 15 interceptions as a safety... Brother Van is a QB at Kansas... 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Koy DETMER QB	6-1, 160	Mission, TX	Mission
<i>Who's Who</i> All-American... All-time state passing leader in Texas, passing for 8,221 yards and 82 touchdowns... Completed 64.7 percent of his passes... As a senior, threw for 3,943 yards and 36 TDs with 7 interceptions... Brother of former Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer... 3-year letterman in basketball and golf.			
Keenan GARDNER TE	6-4, 215	Bartow, CA	Bartow
<i>Super Prep</i> All-American... Caught 28 passes for 550 yards and 11 TDs as a senior tight end and 58 for 768 yards and 5 TDs as a junior wide receiver... Has a 37-inch vertical leap... 4.7 speed in the 40.			
Maurice HENRIQUES DB	6-1, 185	Houston, TX	Hastings
Had 278 career tackles and 12 interceptions... Three-year starter at cornerback... Played tailback on offense... 4-year track letterman... 4.45 speed in the 40, 10.5 in the 100.			
Heath IRWIN OL	6-4, 255	Boulder	Boulder
<i>Super Prep</i> and <i>Who's Who</i> All-American... All-Centennial League on both sides of the ball where he played offensive guard and defensive tackle... Father Phil and uncle Hale (the pro golfer) both played for the Buffs... Bench presses 345 pounds.			
Greg JONES OLB	6-5, 205	Littleton	John F. Kennedy
Made virtually every high school All-America team... No.1-rated player in the Midlands and <i>Super Prep</i> ... As a senior, had 133 tackles (86 solo), 17 sacks, 11 fumble recoveries and 3 blocked kicks... Caught 13 passes for 101 yards and 4 TDs as a tight end... 6-5 high jumper and 47-8 triple jumper... 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Matt JONES OL	6-7, 320	Bucyrus, OH	Bucyrus
<i>USA Today</i> second-team All-American... Named Northwest District and North Central Ohio Offensive Lineman of the Year... All-State as a junior... Played offensive tackle... Has 5.3 speed in the 40 and bench presses 325 pounds.			
James KIDD WR-RB	5-8, 160	Elk Grove, CA	Elk Grove
<i>Super Prep</i> and <i>Who's Who</i> All-American... Northtown and Superior Player-of-the-Year... Rushed for 2,358 yards and 33 TDs as a senior; 1,976 yards and 22 TDs as a junior, and 1,002 yards and 25 TDs as a sophomore... 4.5 speed in the 40, 10.7 in the 100.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Donnell LEOMITI WR	6-0, 170	Pago Pago, Amer. Samoa	Leone
Two-time MVP for the Ashaa League... Two-time All-Island selection... As a senior, caught 40 passes for 1,065 yards and 7 TDs... Had 5 interceptions as free safety... 4.4 speed in the 40... Is a native American born in Santa Ana, Calif.			
Matt LEPSIS OL	6-5, 250	Frisco, TX	Frisco
All-Southwest honoree by <i>Blue Chip Report</i> ... 3A All-Area Player-of-the-Year... Had 80 tackles as a senior, including 5 sacks and 3 fumble recoveries... State discus champ as a junior; has thrown it 187-0... 4.8 speed in the 40 and bench presses 340 pounds.			
Jeff NABHOLZ ILB	6-4, 220	Chesterfield, MO	Parkway Central
Two-year All-State choice as a defensive end... Had 90 tackles and 6 QB sacks as a senior and caught 15 passes for 257 yards and 3 TDs... Had 80 tackles and 12 sacks as a junior... 4-year letterman in basketball... 4.78 speed in the 40.			
Chris NAEOLE OL	6-4, 290	Kaaava, HA	Kahuku
<i>Blue Chip Report</i> second-team All-American... Rated No.13 prospect in the West by <i>Prep Football Report</i> , which labeled him the best prospect in Hawaii... 56 tackles with 5 sacks as a senior... Played OT and DT... Bench presses 350 and has 5.1 speed in the 40.			
Sam ROGERS OLB	6-4, 240	Detroit, MI	West Los Angeles JC
Signed last year but didn't meet graduation requirements... Has two years eligibility... As JC soph, had 122 tackles with 21 QB sacks... Played high school at St. Mary's in Detroit where he was All-State two years... 4.5 speed in the 40 and bench presses 360 pounds.			
Steve ROSA WR-DB	6-2, 185	Roseville, MN	Cretin-Derham Hall
<i>Blue Chip Report</i> All-Midwest selection... Named St. Paul High School Athlete of the Year by Downtown Lions Club... Caught 95 passes for 1,534 yards and 16 TDs in high school... Had 88 tackles and 8 interceptions as a senior... Lettered in football, basketball and basketball... 4.5 speed in the 40.			
Matt RUSSELL ILB	6-2, 230	Fairview Heights, IL	Belleville East
<i>Super Prep</i> and <i>Who's Who</i> All-American as a senior... <i>Super Prep</i> 's No.3 linebacker prospect in the nation... As a senior, had 146 tackles (76 solo) and 8 sacks... As a junior, he had 139 tackles (72 solo) with 7 sacks... Was team's place-kicker, making 27 of 29 PATs and all seven field goal attempts, with a long of 38 yards... 4.65 speed in the 40.			
Rashan SALAAM RB	6-1, 200	San Diego, CA	LaJolla Country Day
Near-consensus All-American despite playing 8-man football... Ranked No. 4 overall in West by <i>Super Prep</i> ... Missed three games with knee injury as senior but still rushed for 1,594 yards and 31 TDs... As a junior, he scored 50 TDs and rushed for 2,164 yards... LaJolla's all-time leader in rushing (4,965) and scoring (112 TDs)... 4.4 speed in the 40 and will run track for the Buffs.			
Dalton SIMMONS DB	6-1, 180	Marrero, LA	John Ehret
<i>Blue Chip Report</i> All-American... Named district defensive MVP as a senior when he had 129 tackles and 10 interceptions... Also averaged 30 yards on punt returns and caught 9 passes for 226 yards and 3 TDs... Also involved in baseball and track... 4.47 speed in the 40.			
Kyle SMITH DL	6-6, 265	Torrington, WY	Torrington
<i>Super Prep</i> and <i>Who's Who</i> All-American... Eastern Wyoming Defensive Player-of-the-Year... Had 66 tackles and 13 QB sacks as a senior, 105 tackles and 13 sacks as a junior... 4-year basketball letterman... 4.6 speed in the 40.			
Thadus SWAZER LB-TE	6-4, 235	Denver	Montbello
<i>Who's Who</i> and <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American... As a senior, caught 32 passes for 678 yards and 14 TDs while making 130 tackles and 5 sacks... Career receptions were 72 for 1,086 yards and 18 TDs... Led Montbello to four league championships... 4.6 speed in the 40.			
Deren TADLOCK DB	6-0, 180	Boulder	Boulder
All-Boulder County and All-Centennial League... Rushed 177 times for 1,082 yards and 14 TDs his senior year... Had 51 tackles, 6 interceptions and 2 sacks as a cornerback... Playing in six games as a junior, rushed for 800 yards and 12 TDs... 4.4 speed in the 40, 10.6 in the 100.			
Kenny WILKINS S	6-4, 215	Mesa, AZ	Westwood
Signed with CU last year but wasn't eligible... Named to <i>Super Prep</i> All-Far West team as a senior after recording 73 tackles, 5 interceptions and one fumble recovery... Recruiting guru Tom Lemming calls him the "hardest hitting safety in the West"... Has run 10.66 in the 100, and 21.4 in the 200... Bench presses 300 pounds.			

SPRING UPDATE

Running back Lamont Warren, last year's starting tailback as a freshman, was withheld from contact work as he continued to recover from January surgery for a dislocated shoulder.

Kendall Bussey, a sophomore running back, also dislocated a shoulder. Bussey, a true freshman last year, has elected to postpone surgery until August and use the 1992 season season as a redshirt year.

Vance Joseph, last year's No. 2 quarterback and No. 1 during the spring, sprained an ankle early in the intrasquad game three weeks into spring and did not return.

Sophomore quarterback Kordell Stewart rallied his team to a 22-19 victory in the game, throwing two fourth-quarter touchdown passes and running 10 yards for the game-winner. Stewart completed 13 of 19 passes for 237 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

Sophomore Chris Hudson, CU's third cornerback last year as a true freshman, practiced most of the spring at safety and likely will team with junior Dwayne Davis as the starting safeties. Davis opted for a redshirt season last year.

Junior Dennis Collier moved from running back to cornerback just prior to the start of spring practices. With Hudson at safety, Collier probably will be the third cornerback.

Two former top outside linebacker recruits have moved to the defensive line. DeShannon Campbell, a 1990 recruit who did not enroll until last year because of Proposition 48, worked at both nose tackle and tackle. Sam Rogers, who originally signed last year but failed to receive a junior college degree and enrolled in the spring, was given a look at nose tackle the last two weeks. It is uncertain whether Rogers, who is 6-foot-3, 245 pounds, will remain there in the fall or go back to outside linebacker.

Sophomore Corey Smith, who began the spring as the backup nose tackle, was moved to offensive tackle along with the switch of Rogers. Smith's move probably is permanent.

Sophomore Blake Anderson moved from the defensive backfield to wide receiver during spring practices. Anderson was an emergency move to quarterback in the spring of 1991, but switched back to defense in the fall. This move probably will be permanent.

CU's overall defensive team speed gets better and better, and that's one reason for the move. The Buffs have great athletes at outside linebacker in Chad Brown and Ron Woolfork, who were first- and second-team All-Big Eight last year. Woolfork, now a junior, had 13 sacks and was fourth on the team in tackles, while Brown, a senior, was second in tackles and sacks with eight.

The inside linebackers are big and fairly mobile. Heading the bunch is 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior Greg Biekert, first-team all-conference last year and CU's leading tackler with 139 total (78 solo). Sophomores Ted Johnson (6-4, 230) and Jon Knutson (6-4, 230) play beside Biekert. Johnson was the starter at the end of last year and was second on the team with three interceptions.

CU also has good mobility in its front three, particularly with All-Big Eight Leonard Renfro at left tackle and Jeff Brunner — who takes over for two-time all-conference Joel Steed — at nose tackle. Marcellous Elder, who's up to 295 pounds, and Brian Dyet are back after alternating at right tackle. Dyet is especially agile for a lineman. Renfro, a 6-foot-4, 280-pound junior, is coming off a big season in which he was third on the team in tackles and sacks (seven).

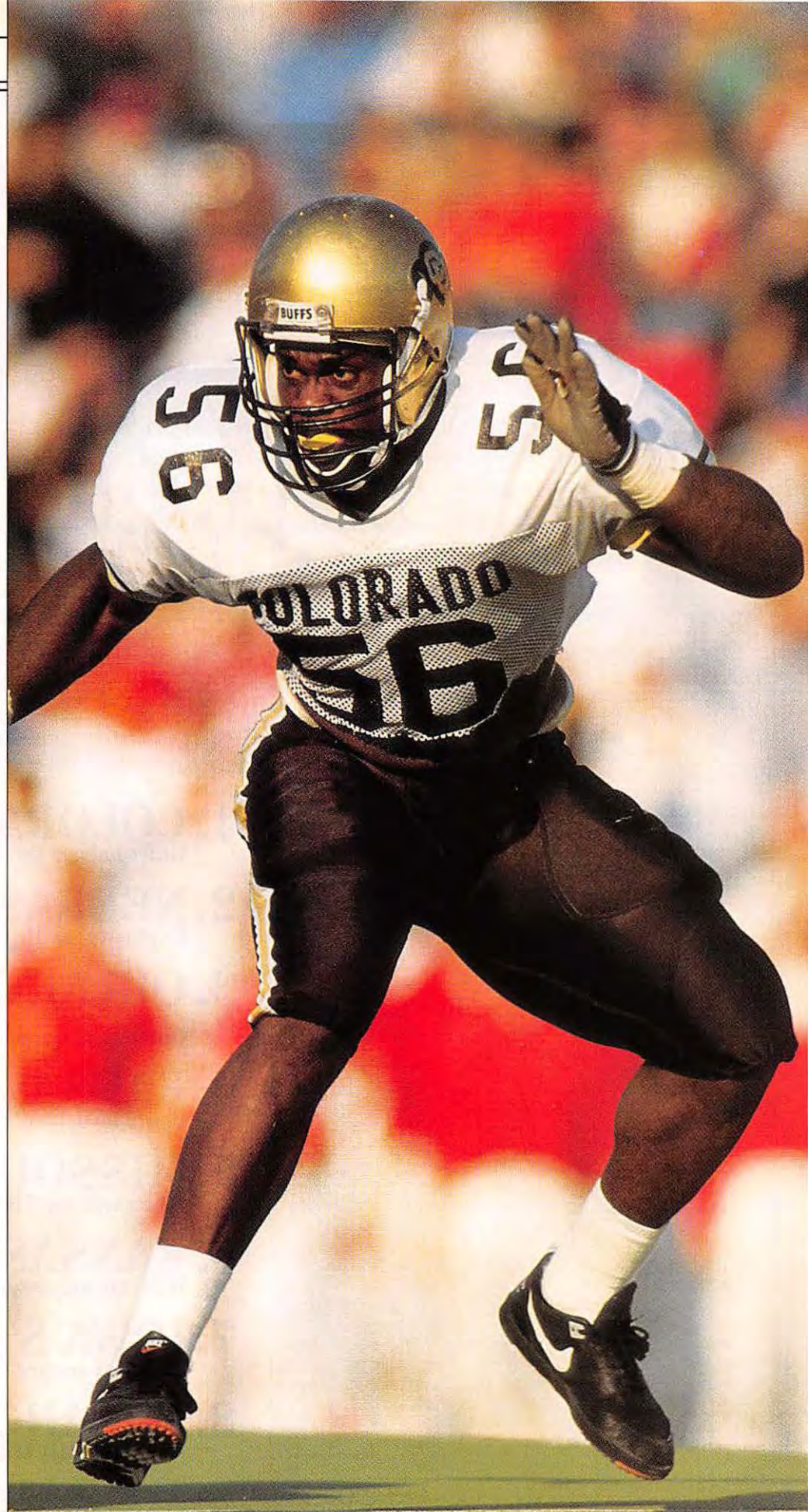
Colorado's cornerbacks afford the defense the luxury of blitzing more. Deon Figures and Ronnie Bradford are both good cover men. The Buffs lost both safeties, but could go with a third cornerback at one of the positions, sophomore Chris Hudson. Hudson was the nickel back last year and led the team with four interceptions. Figures had two.

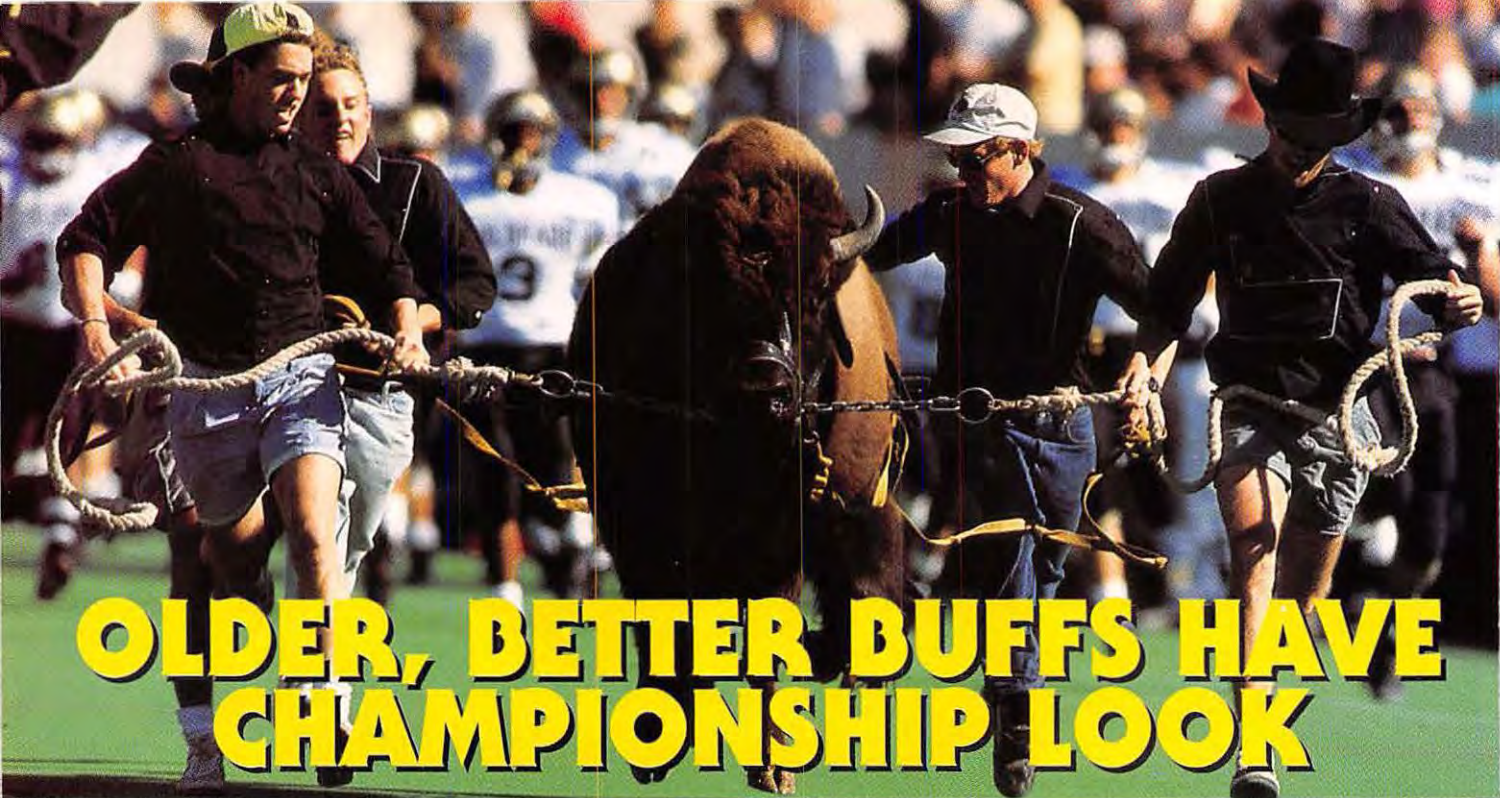
The fourth starting spot should go to Dwayne Davis, a junior who opted to be redshirted last season with the intent of replacing graduating free safety Greg Thomas this year.

On special teams, CU must replace two-year kicker Jim Harper, who struggled some last year with four kicks blocked. Strong-legged Mitch Berger, who took over the punting and averaged a respectable 40.76 yards to help the Buffs to place sixth nationally in net punting, could handle the kicking as well, though he'll have to beat out Pat Blottiaux. □

Ron Woolfork, now a junior, had 13 sacks and was fourth on the team in tackles in '91.

JOHN WILLIAMSON





OLDER, BETTER BUFFS HAVE CHAMPIONSHIP LOOK

By PETE GOERING

The Young and the Restless, better known as the 1991 Colorado football team, had the type of year you'd expect to see on, well, an afternoon TV soap.

The stars — most of them, at least — had departed for the pros after leading the Buffs to the 1990 national championship.

Sure, returning players such as quarterback Darian Hagan and center Jay Leeuwenberg had big-time credentials, but they were surrounded by a cast of unknown understudies eager — restless, if you will — to show they deserved top billing.

They got it, claiming a share of their third consecutive Big Eight championship.

No, Colorado didn't dominate the conference as it had the year before. In fact, the Buffs staggered to the title. Their last three regular-season games were a 16-12 win over last-place Oklahoma State, a 30-24 win over fifth-place Kansas and a 17-14 win over sixth-place Iowa State.

But no one said this was a great team. It was a young team, one that despite the scares was able to stretch Colorado's conference non-losing streak to 22 games.

That streak will grow this year. The Buffs are older and better, and if new offensive coordinator Les Steckel can fine-tune the team's new passing game, look out.

The good news for CU fans is that the Buffs' defense, led by linebackers Chad Brown and Greg Biekert and tackle Leonard Renfro, is so good that the offense should have time to develop without undue pressure.

Defense wins championships, so Coach Bill McCartney better make room for another Big Eight trophy — his fourth in four years — in Boulder.

If Colorado slips, Nebraska — who else? — will be there ready to move up.

The Huskers have perhaps the nation's best running back duo in Derek Brown and Calvin Jones, their usual bevy of beefy linemen led by All-American guard candidate Will Shields, and a quality defense featuring outside linebacker Travis Hill. Yet questions about the quarterback and the mental hangover from the latest bowl fiasco make Nebraska a long shot to win another title.

Pass-happy Oklahoma — yes, you read it right — will make a bid for its first Big Eight crown since 1987.

In quarterback Cale Gundy, who riddled Virginia for 357

LINDY'S CONFERENCE FORECAST

1. COLORADO

Buffs believe the fourth-time is a charm.

2. NEBRASKA

Explosive, skilled talent affords respect.

3. OKLAHOMA

Gundy and Co. continue upward movement.

4. KANSAS

Could be school's best edition in two decades.

5. MISSOURI

When will the Tigers play up to potential?

6. KANSAS STATE

Wildcats are deserving of respect.

7. IOWA STATE

Cyclones are accelerating downward.

8. OKLAHOMA STATE

Improved cast still overmatched.

passing yards in the Gator Bowl, the Sooners have the right guy at the right spot for a passing attack, but their defense was decimated by graduation.

The Sooners will score enough to finish third, but give up too many points to finish any higher.

If any of the Big Three falter, Kansas is ready to move up. The Jayhawks were close to being awfully good last year. They led Colorado with less than two minutes to go; led Nebraska at halftime; and let what seemed to be a sure win against Kansas State slip away in the fourth quarter.

This year, with a defense led by super tackles Dana Stubblefield, Gilbert Brown and Mike Steele, KU could take that next step to a bowl game. Or better.

Missouri, last year's biggest disappointment, has the Big Eight's best one-two quarterback punch in Phil Johnson and Jeff Handy and a group of talented receivers for them to throw to, but too many holes remain on a defense that resembled Swiss cheese in 1991. The Tigers ranked 105th (out of 106) in the nation last year in total defense.

Last year was one of the best in Kansas State history as Coach-of-the-Year Bill Snyder led the Wildcats to a 7-4 record.

He'll have a difficult time matching that record because graduation stripped the Cats of quarterback Paul Watson and a trio of 1,000-yard receivers, and an injury wiped out 1,000-yard rusher Eric Gallon for at least half the season.

But Snyder has built the once-hapless program to a level where the Wildcats still should contend for another first-division finish and, thanks to another soft non-conference schedule, their first bowl game since 1982.

An injury-riddled offense ruined Iowa State's 1991 season. At one point, Coach Jim Walden had to use his fifth-string quarterback. The Cyclones should be better this year if quarterback Bob Utter escapes another injury, and if the defense gets the expected strong play from the linebackers and secondary.

Oklahoma State, a team that went to six bowl games in the '80s, hit rock bottom last year, staggering through an embarrassing 0-10-1 season, the school's worst in 50-some years. Good running backs, good receivers and a season-opener against Indiana State mean the Cowboys will be better this year. But not a whole lot better.

Lindy's All-Big Eight team will have an almost entirely new look on offense after graduation wiped out the top three rushers, the top three passers and four of the top five receivers, not to mention Leeuwenburg, the All-America center.

But the offense shouldn't be too shabby, not with Oklahoma's Gundy at quarterback. The Sooner junior, given a chance in the bowl game to show off his highly-touted arm, should be the Big Eight's best. If he isn't, Mizzou's Johnson will be.

Nebraska has the two best running backs, now that K-State's Gallon has gone down. But even a healthy Gallon may not have been as good as our All-Big Eight duo of

1992 LINDY'S ALL-BIG EIGHT TEAM

OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM:

POS.	PLAYER	SCHOOL	HT	WT.	CLASS
WR	Victor Bailey	Missouri	6-4	200	Senior
WR	Michael Westbrook	Colorado	6-3	205	Sophomore
TE	William Washington	Nebraska	6-2	260	Senior
OT	Keith Loneker	Kansas	6-3	305	Senior
OT	Jim Hansen	Colorado	6-6	275	Senior
OG	Mike Bedosky	Missouri	6-5	288	Junior
OG	Will Shields	Nebraska	6-1	305	Junior
C	Quentin Neujahr	Kansas State	6-4	270	Junior
QB	Cale Gundy	Oklahoma	6-0	189	Junior
RB	Calvin Jones	Nebraska	5-11	205	Sophomore
RB	Rafael Denson	Oklahoma State	5-8	175	Sophomore
K	Dan Eichloff	Kansas	6-1	215	Junior

DEFENSE

DL	Jeff Brunner	Colorado	6-2	255	Junior
DL	Leonard Renfro	Colorado	6-5	270	Junior
DL	Dana Stubblefield	Kansas	6-3	280	Senior
DL	Jason Gildon	Oklahoma State	6-4	225	Junior
LB	Chad Brown	Colorado	6-3	230	Senior
LB	Greg Biekert	Colorado	6-3	230	Senior
LB	Reggie Barnes	Oklahoma	6-1	218	Senior
DB	Jaime Mendez	Kansas State	6-0	195	Junior
DB	Darrell Walker	Oklahoma	5-8	170	Senior
DB	Deon Figures	Colorado	6-1	195	Senior
DB	Scott Harmon	Oklahoma State	5-8	190	Junior
P	Dan Eichloff	Kansas	6-1	215	Junior

OFFENSE

SECOND TEAM:

WR	Andre Coleman	Kansas State	5-10	170	Junior
WR	Corey Warren	Oklahoma	5-11	203	Junior
TE	Joey Mickey	Oklahoma	6-5	269	Senior
OT	Lance Lundberg	Nebraska	6-4	305	Junior
OT	Paul Moriarty	Oklahoma	6-5	287	Senior
OG	Jeff Resler	Oklahoma	6-2	260	Sophomore
OG	Clint Moore	Colorado	6-4	285	Sophomore
C	Scott Armbrust	Iowa State	6-2	275	Senior
QB	Phil Johnson	Missouri	6-5	205	Junior
RB	Derek Brown	Nebraska	5-9	180	Junior
RB	Lamont Warren	Colorado	6-0	185	Junior
K	Byron Bennett	Nebraska	6-1	185	Junior

DEFENSE

DL	Gilbert Brown	Kansas	6-2	305	Senior
DL	Rick Lyle	Missouri	6-6	270	Junior
DL	Marcellous Elder	Colorado	6-5	285	Senior
DL	John Parrella	Nebraska	6-5	290	Senior
LB	Travis Hill	Nebraska	6-2	235	Senior
LB	Ronnie Woolfork	Colorado	6-3	235	Junior
LB	Mike Coats	Oklahoma	6-0	232	Junior
DB	Maurice Benson	Missouri	6-0	197	Senior
DB	Tryone Byrd	Nebraska	6-0	175	Senior
DB	Mark DouBrava	Iowa State	6-0	192	Senior
DB	Kevin Fulton	Iowa State	6-1	180	Sophomore
P	Mitch Berger	Colorado	6-3	215	Junior

Huskers — Brown and Jones.

Shields is the headliner on an offensive line that includes tackles Keith Loneker of Kansas and Jim Hansen of Colorado, center Quentin Neujahr of Kansas State, and Shields and Missouri's Mike Bedosky at the guard spots.

Lindy's All-Big Eight defense features a line that might be the best in the country. In the middle is Colorado's Jeff Brunner, flanked by Stubblefield of Kansas and Renfro of Colorado,

with Oklahoma State's Jason Gildon and Oklahoma's Reggie Barnes on the outside.

The relatively weak all-conference secondary includes Darnell Walker of Oklahoma, Deon Figures of Colorado, Jaime Mendez of K-State and Mark DouBrava of Iowa State. Each are solid players lacking game breaking ability.

All-Big Eight specialist Dan Eichloff of Kansas returns at both his jobs — punter and place-kicker. □



THE SOONERS TRY TO BOOM AGAIN

By MICHAEL BRADLEY

Gary Gibbs looked across the frozen astroturf on the floor of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln and figured Tom Osborne had suited up the entire state of Nebraska for the annual season-ending bloodletting with Oklahoma. Scholarship players, walk-ons, managers, faculty, fans — it seemed as if they all had on Nebraska jerseys and were thirsting for a shot at the staggering Sooners.

Gibbs surveyed the Sooner sideline. The first-year head coach had rounded up only 52 healthy bodies for the trip. Injuries, defections and dismissals made the once-mighty Sooners look like a JV team in comparison to Nebraska's scarlet hordes.

It was November, 1989, or 1 A.S. (After Switzer), if you will, and Oklahoma was reeling. The Sooners were a season into their two-year NCAA probation term for recruiting violations and were still wobbling from a string of felonies committed by former players. Gibbs had been hired to steer the program through the healing process and was encountering choppy seas. Call it the beginning of a bangover induced by the high-flying times under former coach Barry Switzer. It was fun while it lasted, but oh boy, the morning after.

GIBBS BRINGS OKLAHOMA BACK TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE

The trip to Nebraska didn't help. The Cornhuskers and Sooners have hated each other since football made its way out to the Plains back in 19-aught-something. And Oklahoma's dominance of the Huskers in the past decade had infected the wounds. Oklahoma had won four of the last five games against the Huskers. It was revenge time.

"When you win as much as Oklahoma has over the years and then you fall on hard times, people on the other side of the scoreboard aren't sympathetic," says Oklahoma athletic director Donnie Duncan.

Nebraska 48, Oklahoma 25. Nothing mean or unsportsmanlike, just an old-fashioned, Big Eight butt-kicking. Hop into that Sooner Schooner and get the hell out of Lincoln. For Gibbs, a man who played on OU's 1974 national title team and was an assistant to Switzer on two more championships, that game had to be the low point in his career. "That was a tough time," he says.

An understatement.

Fast forward to December, 1991. The Sooners were blasting their way past Virginia in the Gator Bowl, 48-14. Gibbs was smiling. Fans were euphoric. Players were rejoicing. Just like old times, back when Switzer used to implore his charges to go out and "hang half-a-hundred on 'em." In fact, the Bootlegger's Boy was almost conspicuous by his absence. He used to love moments like this. Of course, that rout was accomplished via the airways, with sophomore quarterback Cale Gundy tossing it 31 times. That used to be a season's total for Switzer's wishbone teams.

Switzer or no Switzer, the Sooners showed their national cable TV audience that yes, probation is hell, but Oklahoma football is resilient. Whether you'll find a Sooner team coming soon to a national title near you is still debatable. Still, the message was clear: Oklahoma is back.

"During the two years of probation, we just didn't have the talent we had been accustomed to playing with," Gibbs says. "I don't know if any of us realized how much it had dropped off. Since then, we've made steady improvement, and we're a good football team now."

How good will be determined in the next few seasons. The Sooners are still feeling the residual effects of their two-year probation sentence. Since they could bring in only 18 freshmen each of those years and were limited to only 50 total visits, the Sooners have very little junior/senior leadership for this season. Gibbs and Duncan say it will be a five-year rebuilding process, and it may well be. Oklahoma will rely heavily on freshmen and sophomores this year — particularly on defense. You can forget about an undefeated season. But fans should set aside some time around the holidays — maybe even New Year's Day — for a trip to a bowl game.

"The greatness of Oklahoma over the years has come through its people," Gibbs says. "Bud Wilkinson, Steve Davis, the Selmons, Steve Owens, Joe Washington." Incidents off the field had created a nightmare for the people in the program and the fans. We've started again, done some things internally, and laid a foundation of quality people that has allowed us to re-establish ourselves."

Reversing the Oklahoma football image has not been easy. The school has had a long history of allegations, implications and probations that have dated back to the venerable Wilkinson and continued through Chuck Fairbanks and Switzer. The Sooners have always won, often in grand fashion. They boast six national championships (1950, 1954, 1955, 1974, 1975, 1985) and have had numerous All-Americans and national award winners.

But the on-field success has been matched by the off-field shenanigans. Both Fairbanks and Switzer left the school with probation terms for recruiting violations, and the antics of players in the late 1980s was worse than any illegal recruiting enticement could ever have been. Even when the Sooners were playing fair, they were perceived as football bandits, lying, cheating and stealing their way to the top.

"We could have a guy elected mayor of New York City, but nothing would be said about his Oklahoma ties," Duncan says. "But if he embezzles money, people will say he was a former OU athlete."

Part of the perception is unfounded. But part of it isn't. Quarterback Charles Thompson was arrested in February, 1989, for selling

cocaine to an undercover FBI agent. A year earlier, defensive back Jerry Parks shot teammate Zarak Peters, and Sooners Nigel Clay and Bernard Hall were convicted of rape. When paired with the NCAA violations, those transgressions were enough to force even the defiant Switzer out of town.

"Barry did a great job as a coach here," says Duncan, who served as an assistant to Switzer from 1973-78 and remains loyal to him. "He had some individuals who let him down. He didn't let them down. He had kids who, frankly, were criminals. He can't be blamed for their actions."

Maybe. But their behavior gave the skeptics plenty of ammunition. There were the renegade Sooners, playing it fast and loose again. Sure, Switzer didn't commit any crimes, but he recruited those kids to play there. And his laissez-faire approach to discipline was well-documented. He didn't do anything wrong, but he didn't do too much right, either.

Gibbs has. When he succeeded Switzer, he got tough. Some players quit. Others were kicked off the team. Bringing only 52 players to Lincoln was better than bringing a full complement of bad actors. The renegade image was gone.

"At the time of his appointment, we were in need of someone who had a sense of history of the program," Duncan says about Gibbs. "He also needed the strength to guide us through a difficult time. He's done a magnificent job at that. Being a coach today means a lot more than winning on Saturday."

Duncan and Gibbs set out to improve the school's support foundation for players. Duncan hired Tom Hill, an Olympic bronze medalist in the hurdles in 1972 who holds a PhD in education, as assistant athletic director for academic student life services. Hill reviews the credentials — football and academic — of potential recruits and then helps guide them during their time at Oklahoma.

"A lot of programs around the country look like they're doing a great job for their athletes, but when you go beneath the surface, you see it's all eyewash," Hill says. "It's possible to have good teams with athletes who graduate. In fact, we have to do it. You cannot think it can't be done. We have to get men and women in our athletic system who can succeed in higher education and on the fields."

Duncan also has started a Football Lettermen's Association that promotes the program's past successes, but also provides career counseling for players. Gibbs is monitoring the athletic dorms more closely, and academic support systems have been bolstered.

"A lot of the talk about student-athletes and graduation rates has led to more awareness of young people and their families," Gibbs says. "They want to know what a university can provide. They hear it from me and Tom. They get a good feeling about an environment to succeed, not just that we're a wishbone football team. That has enhanced our ability to recruit different quality athletes."

"We don't have to defend ourselves in recruits' homes like we did. We're talking more about the program."

Oklahoma has even broken its two-decade commitment to the wishbone. One of Gibbs' first deeds as coach in 1989 was to junk the triple-option for an I formation and hire pass-happy Larry Coker as his offensive coordinator. Don't worry, the Sooners still play pitch-and-run — going cold turkey isn't easy — but they can hit opponents with more looks and variations. It may have taken a little time, but the Sooners have finally realized that you don't win national championships anymore with quarterbacks who can only throw backwards.

That's what makes the Gator Bowl performance so exciting for Sooner fans. Gundy riddled the slower Cavaliers, completing 26-of-31 passes for 324 yards and two touchdowns. Gibbs said he was going to air it out, and that's what he did. Can you imagine what would happen if the Sooners hit the Big Eight with that kind of attack? Nebraska and Colorado are still playing troglodyte football. If their QBs throw it 15 times a game, it's an aerial circus.

"We're evolving into a balanced style of offense," Gibbs says. "We have strengths in that area, and you play to your strengths. We signed a good high school quarterback from San Diego (Chad Davis) in February,

two great wide receivers (P.J. Mills and Michael McDaniel) and a lot of multi-purpose backs."

Whether Gibbs lets Gundy chuck it 30 times a game this year depends a lot on Gundy. Last year, the Sooners relied heavily on senior All-Big Eight halfback Mike Gaddis (1,240 yards) for production and leadership. They ran three times as often as they passed it and had twice as many yards rushing as passing. That's not quite BYU. "Gaddis was the stabilizer last year," Gibbs says. "Do we have a mature leader in Cale, a guy who can pull the trigger and carry the load? We feel he can. To what degree is unknown."

The Sooners do return some backfield depth in bruising fullback Kenyon Rasheed (355 yards) and quick tailback Dewell Brewer, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, so don't expect Run-and-Shoot North. But Gibbs has committed to a balanced attack, and his recruits reflect that resolution. In addition to the skill people, Gibbs has added quick-footed, athletic offensive linemen, not the old, straight-ahead plowhorses of the wishbone era.

But can Gibbs make the complete progression? He tries to make it sound as if Gundy will be the ultimate determining factor in how much the Sooners throw, but it was Gibbs who went into a conservative shell in last year's 10-7 loss to Texas. Gundy's 31 pass attempts in the Gator Bowl tied the school record. That's about a quarter of work down at Houston.

"Throwing the ball is more entertaining, but we're doing it the right way," Gibbs says. "We all realize you have to have balance. You have to be able to throw in the big games to win a championship."

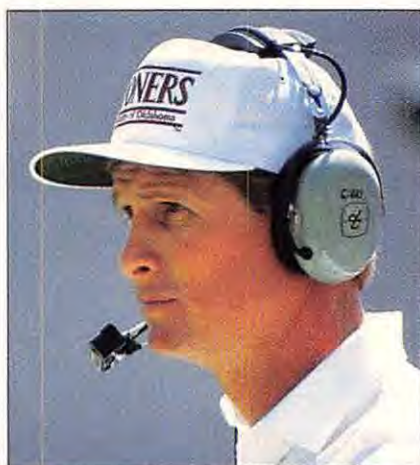
Gundy completed 91 of 172 passes last season for 1,228 yards, eight TDs and seven interceptions. He had some big games — 18-of-31 for 235 yards against Virginia Tech, and 12-of-20 for 206 yards and three scores against Iowa State. But the pass wasn't Oklahoma's first choice. The Sooners blitzed Virginia by air because they could. Whether they do it throughout 1992 is the big question.

"Throwing the ball helps us win, and it helps us recruit," Gibbs says.

Everything looks good on offense. Oklahoma will score some points. But can the Sooners stop anyone? With only three returning starters on defense, Gibbs will encounter some residual effect from the probation period. Oklahoma lost 26 seniors from last year's team, and many of the new defensive starters will be freshmen and sophomores. The Sooners will have only about 82 scholarship players on the roster this season — more than 10 less than the NCAA allows. With USC and Texas looming in weeks three and four, the youngsters had better mature quickly.

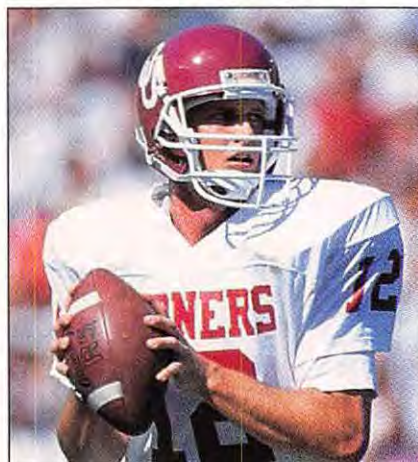
"The sanctions still hurt us," Gibbs says. "A large percentage of our scholarship players have been on campus for one year or are coming on for the first time this fall. You could see 1992 coming in 1989. We knew it would be tough. You only think sanctions hurt you today. They hurt in the future, too."

The same goes for a program's image. The Sooners may be off probation, but many around the country still equate them with the bad times of the late 1980s. Hiring Hill and establishing a



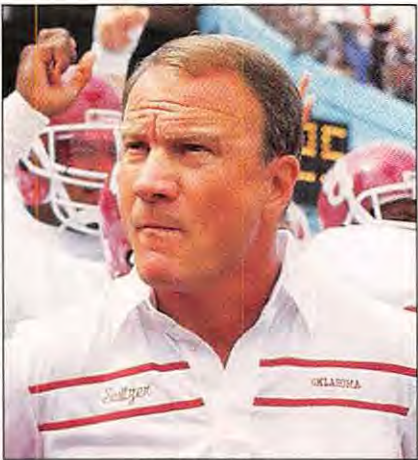
GARY GIBBS

more diligent approach to players' educations and demeanors are big steps, and Oklahoma has been promoting them. Switzer never cared too much about what the critics said about his



CALE GUNDY

players. He had the full support of adoring fans, who wanted to see double-figure win totals every year. Now, Gibbs and his staff must be conscious of winning on and off the field.



BARRY SWITZER

That's not too easy. Though Oklahoma has won seven, eight and nine games in Gibbs' three seasons, there have been few appearances in the top 10, two losses to Nebraska and three straight defeats at the hands of Texas. Grade point averages and job placement mean little to some of the fanatics who long for the days of 77-0 blowout wins. "There are a certain number of people who think if you put on the red helmet, you'll win every time," Duncan says. "Some folks don't understand that it's impossible to be 100 percent."

For advice on how to handle the maniacs, we go to Lincoln and Tom Osborne, who has spent 20 years battling the rampant expectations created by his predecessor, Bob Devaney, who won national titles in 1970 and 1971.

"I think Gary's doing a good job," he says. "It's difficult to follow Barry Switzer, especially with scholarship reductions. Down there, if you lose three or four games, they get excited. I don't know if you can ever please some people."

"If you play good football and have a good graduation rate, some will be happy with seven or eight wins. But a lot of them won't understand that, especially if they're used to winning it all. When you're in the realm where losing two or three games is the difference between a good and bad year, that can hinge on a bad bounce or injury. You have no control over that."

Oklahoma finds itself in an odd predicament. It must satisfy fans, some of whom don't care whether athletes graduate. And it must mollify critics, who will never stop equating the Sooners with criminal activity, recruiting violations and poor graduation rates. It's a 1990s dilemma. Win, but do it the right way.

"When you think about the job we had to do, it was a sense of, 'Let's clean it up and establish ourselves in terms of integrity,'" Gibbs says. "That doesn't please those who want to go 11-0 and play for the national championship every year. But you can't just twitch your nose and go back to the glory days of 1985-87."

You get the impression that Gibbs, Duncan and the rest of the Sooners may not want to return to that era too quickly. When a team wins seven or eight games a year, no one comes looking under rocks, and there is less pressure to compromise standards in the name of winning. But this is Oklahoma, not Kansas or some other school where Gator Bowl wins are looked back on with fondness. The Sooners play in the Orange Bowl for the national championship. Period.

But even if the rebuilding program is a success, and Oklahoma does burst back into the national spotlight, there will always be the cynics who look at Gibbs as a blond reincarnation of Switzer.

"We've had a good starting point," Gibbs says. "We've done some things internally and built a good foundation. That's allowed us to re-establish ourselves, and we're trying to change the perceptions."

"The wounds will never be healed. Some people still will go back and pull out the headlines. You can change some of the peoples' minds, but not all of them." □

TOP RETURNING DIVISION I-A PLAYERS AND 1991 RANKING

TOP SCORERS

Name	School	1991 Rank	TD	PAT	FG	Pts
FAULK	San Diego St.	1	23	2	0	140
BETTIS	Notre Dame	4	20	0	0	120
TURNER	Pacific	5	18	0	0	108
WHITE	California	7	16	2	0	98
BRIEN	California	7	0	41	19	98
MAHONEY	Fresno St.	9	0	63	11	96
JONES	Nebraska	10	14	0	0	84
DAVIS	Louisiana Tech	10	14	0	0	84
BENJAMIN	Pacific	12	16	2	0	98

TOP PASS RECEIVERS

Name	School	1990 Rank	No	Yards	TD	Rec/G
GILBERT	Houston	1	106	957	7	9.64
TURNER	Pacific	2	92	1604	18	8.36
URSIN	Tulane	4	70	969	9	6.36
WINSTON	New Mexico	5	76	1177	7	6.33
LaCHAPELLE	UCLA	6	68	987	11	6.18
PRIMUS	Colorado St.	7	67	1081	8	6.09
SZLACHCIC	Bowling Green	9	65	943	8	5.91
WOLF	Southern Meth.	17	59	565	4	5.36
ROWLEY	Utah	20	60	1011	11	5.00

TOP PUNT RETURNERS

Name	School	1991 Rank	No	Yards	Avg	TD
CAMPBELL	Virginia Tech	1	15	273	18.20	0
PALMER	Alabama	3	24	386	16.08	3
WILLIAMS	Miami (FL)	4	36	560	15.56	3
McMILLION	Iowa St.	5	17	251	14.76	0
STEPHENS	Clemson	8	25	352	14.08	1

TOP KICKOFF RETURNERS

Name	School	1991 Rank	No	Yards	TD	Avg
MONTGOMERY	New Mexico St.	1	25	734	1	29.36
RICE	Eastern Mich.	2	11	319	0	29.00
HASTINGS	Georgia	6	14	380	0	27.14
LEVY	Arizona	9	27	682	0	25.26
MOORE	Oregon	10	13	327	0	25.15

TOP INTERCEPTORS

Name	School	1991 Rank	No	Yards	TD	Int/G
GRAY	UCLA	2	10	119	1	0.91
BUCHANAN	Louisville	4	8	89	0	0.73
SAUL	Texas Tech	4	8	79	0	0.73
PALMER	Eastern Mich.	6	7	219	1	0.64
CARPENTER	Miami (OH)	6	7	197	1	0.64
BAILEY	Washington	6	7	114	2	0.64
LINDSEY	Northwestern	6	7	52	0	0.64

FIELD GOALS

Name	School	1991 Rank	FG	FGA	Pct	FG/G
BRIEN	California	1	19	28	.679	1.73
EICHLOFF	Kansas	2	18	24	.750	1.64
ELAM	Hawaii	3	19	24	.792	1.58
BISKUP	Syracuse	4	17	22	.773	1.55
WELCH	Clemson	4	17	26	.654	1.55
LANGE	Tulsa	8	16	18	.889	1.45
FAYAK	Penn St.	9	17	26	.654	1.42

TOP RUSHERS

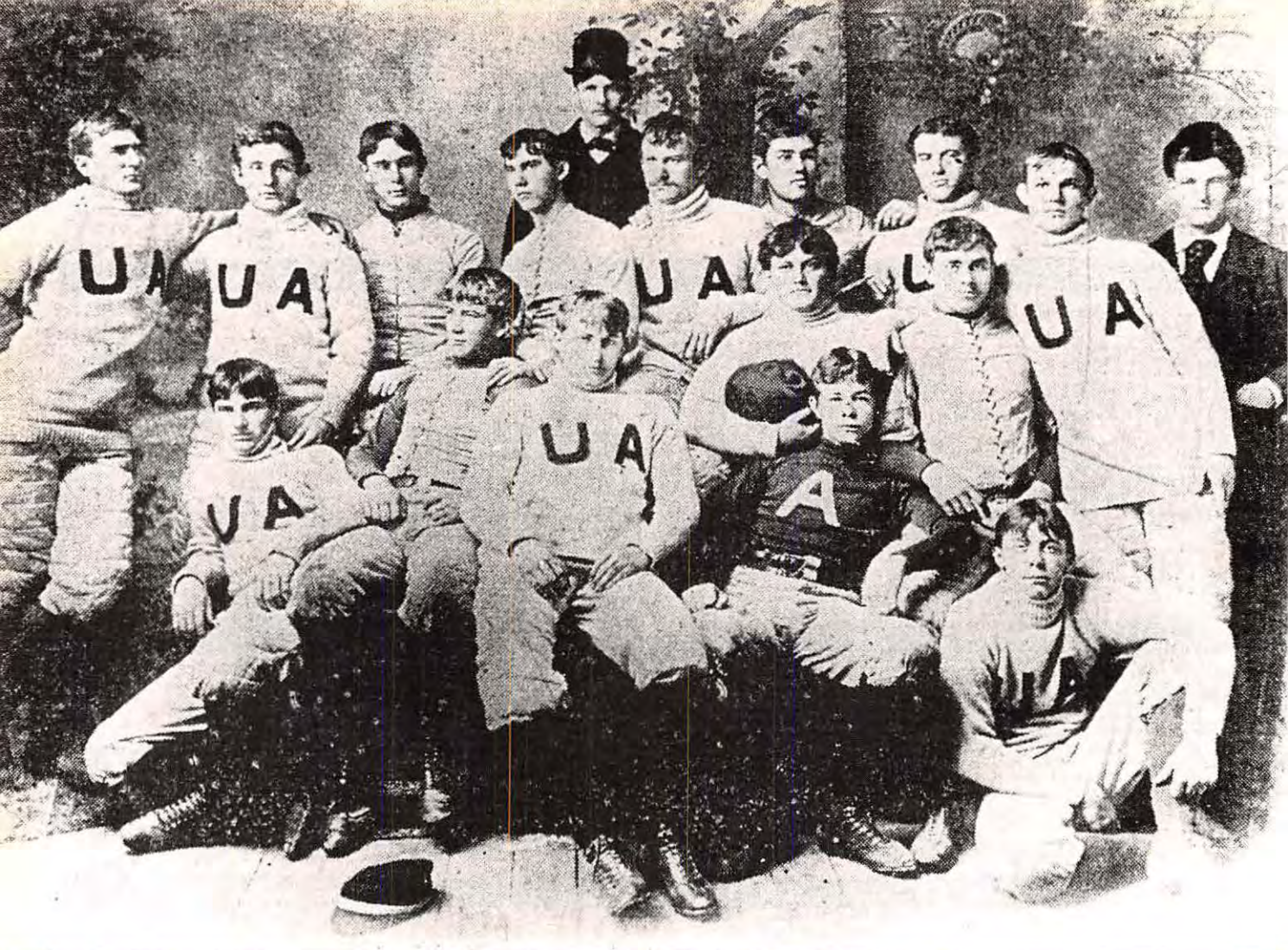
Name	School	1991 Rank	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
FAULK	San Diego St.	1	201	1429	7.1	21
COBB	Rice	3	360	1692	4.7	14
DAVIS	Louisiana Tech	4	244	1351	5.5	14
BENJAMIN	Pacific	6	226	1581	7.0	13
BROWN	Nebraska	9	230	1313	5.7	14

TOP PUNTERS

Name	School	1991 Rank	No	Yards	Avg
RAETHER	Arkansas	3	65	2836	43.63
EDGE	Florida	4	46	1991	43.28
LAWRENCE	Vanderbilt	10	54	2308	42.74
BUNN	UTEP	11	63	2675	42.46
EICHLOFF	Kansas	12	54	2286	42.33

TOP PASSERS

Name	School	1990 Rank	Att	Comp	Pct	Yards	Yds/Att	TD	TD Pct	Int	Int Pct	Rating
GARCIA	San Jose St.	3	160	99	61.87	1519	9.49	12	7.50	5	3.13	160.1
KOPP	Pacific	5	449	275	61.25	3767	8.39	37	8.24	16	3.56	151.8
STENSTROM	Stanford	6	197	119	60.41	1683	8.54	15	7.61	7	3.55	150.2
MIRER	Notre Dame	8	234	132	56.41	2116	9.04	18	7.69	10	4.27	149.2



100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

The Alabama Legacy

By **RAY MELICK**

Despite what you might hear once you cross the state line, they didn't invent football in Alabama. But they darn near perfected it.

It might have taken a little while to get rolling, but once they got the hang of this game in Tuscaloosa, it took off like the boll weevil through a field of cotton.

Football became more than just a game. It became a way of life, a religion.

Certainly Alabama football seemed tuned in to a higher calling.

The Crimson Tide claims 11 national championships, more bowl appearances than any team in the nation (44), more bowl victories than any team in the nation

(24), and 14 members of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

The Tide has won more games than any team in the country over the last 70 years (549), a ton of them (232) under perhaps the best known and most successful college football coach of all time — Paul "Bear" Bryant.

Now they're getting ready to celebrate 100 years of football at the Capstone, a "Century of Champions" they're calling it.

Presumptuous? Well, it ain't bragging if you can back it up, and indeed, a century of champions it has been.

Alabama football has epitomized championship football, carrying the ban-

ner of an entire region of the country into the North and West and making the rest of the country sit up and take notice.

The rise of Southern football can be traced to the rise of Alabama football, one following because of the other. And in the rise of Southern football, two games stand out above all others: Alabama vs. Penn in 1922 at Philadelphia's Franklin Field, and Alabama vs. Washington in the 1926 Rose Bowl.

Al Clemons was the starting end for the Tide in the first one, a junior under head coach Xen Scott. It was a momentous occasion, as Alabama became the first team to venture North, right into the heart of what was then believed to be foot-

ball country.

"We went up to Philadelphia to play Penn, a team that was supposed to be the strongest in the country, coached by John Heisman himself," said Clemons.

"We felt like we were playing pretty good football, but up North, no one would give us any credit. And to be honest, we were pretty nervous about it ourselves, because all we ever read was how great a team Pennsylvania had."

Clemons is 93 years old now and lives with his daughter in Hollywood, Fla. He is the oldest living Alabama letterman, the last link to the real beginning of Crimson Tide football glory.

"Xen Scott took us up there," Clemons said. "On the way up, we stopped in Washington D.C. to watch Penn State play Navy. We saw them play, and realized that if that was how they played football in the North, they didn't stand a chance with us."

It wasn't quite as easy as all that. While Alabama scored first on a field goal for a 3-0 lead, Penn scored a touchdown to go up, 7-3.

"Then, we put two or three guys on Thurman, their great All-American tackle," Clemons said. "He got so upset, he took a swing at one of our players and, of course, they ejected him."

"After that, we scored a touchdown of our own to win the game, 9-7."

Headlines all across the South trumpeted the news: a Southern team had gone North and won.

"It was big news all over the South," Clemons said. "But up North, they didn't have much to say because they thought it was a fluke."

"But we knew it wasn't. And we were

proud that we'd gone up there and won."

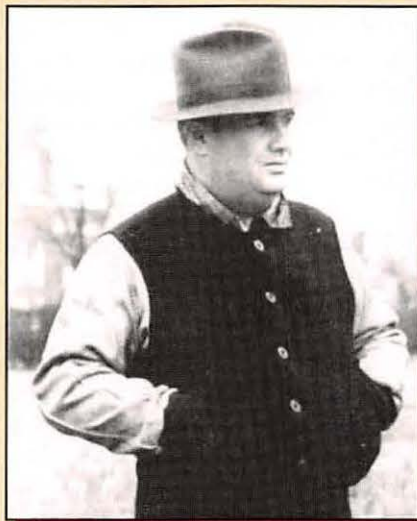
Alabama fans might remember the name Xen Scott with more reverence, but



Coach Wallace Wade

he died following that season.

But no matter. Even back then, Crimson Tide football was ready to prove it was bigger than one man, as an assistant coach from Vanderbilt was hired to replace



Coach Frank Thomas

Scott and a new era was begun — the Wallace Wade era.

And the transition, as is often the case in coaching changes at Alabama, was not an easy one.

Wade was a military man, who took a totally different approach to the game than Scott. Where Scott's practices were short, intense and fun, Wade made practices grueling affairs that were more like boot camp.

"Everybody hated Coach Wade," Clemons said. "Xen Scott was a genial type

of person, who you could talk to about anything. If you went to Coach Wade with a question, he was liable to turn his back and walk away without saying a word.

"Coach Wade was so concentrated on football that he didn't care about what was going on with his players. He didn't care about them. I didn't keep up with Alabama football much while Wade was there because I didn't like him."

But that first year, Wade needed Clemons to be his team captain. Clemons had been captain in 1921, but declined the honor in 1922 because he didn't want the responsibility.

"Back then, the captain called all the plays," Clemons said. "If the coach sent in a substitute, that player wasn't allowed in the huddle until one play had been run to make sure he wasn't bringing in plays from the coach. So the captain had to make all the decisions during a game with no help."

"You had to have a player who would stay in the game, and I'd played 36 games without missing a quarter. So when Wade came in as coach, he asked me if I'd be captain again."

"Coach Wade knew I'd be in there for every play, and depended on me to make those decisions for him."

Clemons earned All-Southern Conference honors that year as the Tide went 7-2-1.

But perhaps more importantly, after that season, players most loyal to Scott left. Wade was now working with a team that knew no other way but his way.

"Coach Wade was stern," said Fred Sington, an All-American who played for Wade from 1928 to 1930. "He went about

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Don Hutson



Fred Sington

SCOPING THE NATION

By JOHN HADLEY

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

• MIKE GOTTFRIED — ESPN

Mike's Top Ten: 1. Notre Dame; 2. Alabama; 3. Florida State; 4. Miami; 5. Florida; 6. Washington; 7. Nebraska; 8. Georgia; 9. Ohio State; 10. Syracuse.

Teams to watch: California, Louisiana State, North Carolina, Stanford. These teams have a chance to be excellent; however, will be overlooked by many.

Top Heisman Candidates: "Miami quarterback Gino Torretta, Florida quarterback Shane Matthews and Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer are my leading candidates. Keep an eye on Jerome Bettis, (FB/Notre Dame); Marshall Faulk (RB/San Diego State); Glyn Milburn (RB/Stanford); Russell White, (RB/California); and Eric Zeier (QB/Georgia)."

Leading Honors Candidates: Butkus: Mick Barsala, California; Micheal Barrow, Miami; Marcus Buckley, Texas A&M; Travis Hill, Nebraska; Steve Tovar, Ohio State. Thorpe: Deon Figures, Colorado; Derrick Frazier, Texas A&M; Carlton Gray, UCLA; Robert O'Neal, Clemson. Outland: "Rusty Medearis (DE/Miami) is definitely the front-runner. Sam Adams (DE/Texas A&M), Eric Curry (DE/Alabama), Lincoln Kennedy (OT/Washington), Kevin Battle (NT/Georgia Tech) and Marcellous Elder (DT/Colorado) will provide the main competition."

Most Underrated Coaches: "John Jenkins (Houston), Mack Brown (North Carolina) and Bob Wagner (Hawaii) don't get enough publicity. LaVell Edwards (Brigham Young), Bill McCartney (Colorado) and Howard Schnellenberger (Louisville) are well known, but aren't given enough respect."

Predictions: Disneyland Classic — "Stanford Coach Bill Walsh will attempt to negate Texas A&M's speed with various formations, but I've got to give the Aggies the nod." Kickoff Classic — "I give Iowa the slight edge because North Carolina State lost some key players. The game will be decided based on how successful the Hawkeyes are moving the ball on the ground against the North Carolina State defensive front seven."

Top Assistant Coaches: Bob Davie (Texas A&M), Greg Brown (Colorado), Watson Brown (Mississippi State), Larry Kirksey (Alabama), Tom Tuberville (Miami), Mike Sheppard (California), Larry Marmie (Ohio State), Bob Shaw (West

Virginia), Larry Beckish (Mississippi), Larry Lacewell (Tennessee), Phillip Fulmer (Tennessee), and Wayne Hall (Auburn).

The Nation's Most Underrated Players: David Palmer (all-purpose/Alabama); Rusty Medearis (DE/Miami); and Olanda Truitt (WR/Mississippi State).

Top Pro Prospects: 1. Irv Smith (TE/Notre Dame); 2. Chris Slade (LB/Virginia); 3. Carlton Gray (CB/UCLA); 4. Devon McDonald (LB/Notre Dame); 5. Darren Mickell (DE/Florida).

Best Conferences — Southeastern and Pac-10.

Most Underrated Conference — Atlantic Coast

• MEL KIPER — ESPN

Preseason Top Five: 1. Miami; 2. Washington; 3. Michigan; 4. Notre Dame; 5. Florida State.

Award Favorites: Heisman Trophy — Jerome Bettis (FB/Notre Dame); Butkus — Chad Brown (LB/Colorado); Thorpe — Carlton Gray (CB/UCLA); Outland — Lincoln Kennedy (OT/Washington); Unitas — Rick Mirer (QB/Notre Dame).

Preseason Picks: Texas A&M over Stanford in Disneyland Classic. Iowa over North Carolina State in Kickoff Classic.

Projecting '93 Heisman Trophy winner — Greg Hill (RB/Texas A&M) or Ricky Powers (RB/Michigan).

Nation's Five Best Players: 1. Jerome Bettis (FB/Notre Dame); 2. Lincoln Kennedy (OT/Washington); 3. Glyn Milburn (RB/Stanford); 4. Kevin Williams (WR/Miami); 5. David Palmer (all-purpose/Alabama).

Nation's Five Best Programs: 1. Miami; 2. Notre Dame; 3. Penn State; 4. Washington; 5. Michigan.

Top 10 Coaches: 1. Joe Paterno, Penn State; 2. Steve Spurrier, Florida; 3. Bobby Bowden, Florida State; 4. Bill Walsh, Stanford; 5. Lou Holtz, Notre Dame; 6. Don James, Washington; 7. Howard Schnellenberger, Louisville; 8. George Welsh, Virginia; 9. Dennis Erickson, Miami; 10. Rich Brooks, Oregon.

• STEVE WIEBERG - USA Today

Preseason Top Five: 1. Miami; 2. Texas A&M; 3. Notre Dame; 4. Alabama; 5. Colorado. "These are the five best

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teams in the country based on talent. I didn't take into account schedule, just talent."

National Championship Sleeper: Syracuse.

Rating the Conferences: 1. Southeastern; 2. Big Ten; 3. Atlantic Coast; 4. Big East; 5. Big Eight; 6. Pac-10; 7. Southwest; 8. Western Athletic; 9. Mid-American; 10. Big West.

Rating the Heisman Candidates: 1. Rick Mirer (QB/Notre Dame); 2. Shane Matthews (QB/Florida); 3. Kevin Williams (WR/Miami); 4. Elvis Grbac (QB/Michigan); 5. Marshall Faulk (RB/San Diego State).

Projecting the Award Winners: Outland — Rusty Medearis (DE/Miami); Butkus — Marvin Jones (LB/Florida State); Lombardi — Jones; Davey O'Brien — Shane Matthews (QB/Florida); Thorpe — Carlton Gray (CB/UCLA).

Most Underrated Coaches: 1. Fred Goldsmith, Rice; 2. Herb Deromodi, Central Michigan; 3. Fisher DeBerry, Air Force; 4. Grant Teaff, Baylor; 5. R. C. Slocum, Texas A&M.

Coaches on the Hotseat: Jack Crowe, Arkansas; Pat Dye, Auburn; Paul Hackett, Pittsburgh; Bob Stull, Missouri; and Sparky Woods, South Carolina.

Nation's Five Best Rivalries: 1. Alabama-Auburn; 2. Miami-Florida State; 3. Michigan-Ohio State; 4. Nebraska-Oklahoma; 5. Army-Navy.

• DANNY SHERIDAN

Preseason Top Five: 1. Miami; 2. Florida State; 3. Notre Dame; 4. Washington; 5. Alabama. Alabama has a great coach, great young talent and a great schedule. That makes them a legitimate national championship contender.

1992 Heisman Trophy Favorite: David Palmer (all-purpose/Alabama). Best of the Rest — Jerome Bettis (FB/Notre Dame); Marshall Faulk (RB/San Diego State); Elvis Grbac (QB/Michigan); Greg Hill, (RB/Texas A&M); Glyn Milburn (RB/Stanford); Rick Mirer (QB/Notre Dame); Kenyon Rasheed (FB/Oklahoma); Gino Torretta (QB/Miami); Russell White (RB/California); Kevin Williams, (RB/UCLA); Eric Zeier (QB/Georgia).

1993 Heisman Trophy winner: Eric Zeier (QB/Georgia).

Award Favorites: Outland — Rusty Medearis, (DE/Miami); 2. Lincoln Kennedy (OT/Washington); 3. Darren Mickell (DE/Florida). Thorpe — 1. Carlton Gray (CB/UCLA); 2. Derrick Frazier (CB/Texas A&M); 3. Ryan McNeil (CB/Miami).

Coaches on the Hotseat: 1. Sparky Woods, South Carolina; 2. Jack Crowe, Arkansas; 3. John Cooper, Ohio State.

Take it to the Bank: Coach Bobby Bowden will win a

national championship at Florida State within the next three years. If he had dropped Miami, he would have won three national championships...UCLA would've won the Rose Bowl if Tommy Maddox hadn't departed for the National Football League (drafted in the first round by Denver)...Mississippi State will continue to improve and keep an eye on Alabama and Texas A&M. These are two teams with great young talent.

Parting Shot: "It should be against the law to charge admission to Ivy League football games."

• BEANO COOK — ESPN

Preseason Top Five: 1. Notre Dame; 2. Penn State; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Washington; 5. Florida. "The only way Notre Dame won't win it all is if they move into the NFC Central Division. Even then, Notre Dame would earn a wild card berth. There's no way they don't win them all."

Heisman Favorites: Group I — Rick Mirer (QB/Notre Dame); Jerome Bettis (FB/Notre Dame); Willie Clark (RB-DB/Notre Dame). Group II or the best of the rest — Gino Torretta (QB/Miami) and Eric Zeier (QB/Georgia).

Coaches on the Hotseat: 1. John Cooper, Ohio State. Must beat Michigan to retain position; 2. George Bush, The Nation. Doesn't necessarily have to beat Michigan to survive; 3. Bob Stull, Missouri; 4. Jack Crowe, Arkansas; 5. Larry Smith, Southern California. "If Smith loses his job, expect Mike Gottfried to be the front-runner. If Gottfried doesn't get the USC job, he may be moving into the 614 area code.

Joe Namath-like Prediction of the Year: "I say Penn State will definitely beat Miami this year."

Additional Predictions: Texas will win a national championship with John Mackovic at the helm by the end of the decade...Texas A&M will beat Stanford in Disneyland Classic, unless Cardinal Coach Bill Walsh can trade for Joe Montana...Iowa will knock off North Carolina State in the Kickoff Classic.

Parting Shot: "If Penn State is 11-0 with a shot at the national championship, they will be included in the bowl alliance. Penn State Athletic Director Jim Tarman said that the networks need Penn State. He's dead wrong. The networks only care about Notre Dame.

"Penn State Coach Joe Paterno said that Penn State is a national school. He's dead wrong. The only national school in the country is Notre Dame.

"Penn State has few friends around the country. Too many athletic directors around the country perceive Penn State to be too sanctimonious and self-serving. If it had been Syracuse moving into the Big Ten, they would not have been shut out of the bowl alliance this year."

UNIT RATINGS

Here's a glance at the nation's finest units, regardless of position followed by position-by-position rating.

1. MIAMI DEFENSIVE LINE: This school has a history of producing superior defensive linemen and defensive lines. Collectively, this group might be the best edition

to date. Led by Rusty Medearis, the 'Canes will wreak havoc in the opponent's offensive backfield. Remember the names Kenny Lopez and Patrick Riley — they're budding stars. Mark Caesar and Damon Bethel are veterans eyeing the NFL.

2. WASHINGTON OFFENSIVE BACKFIELD: The Huskies have two quarterbacks on the roster who led them to consecutive Rose Bowl wins; three running backs capable of going the distance; and a devastating pair of fullbacks. Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell will handle the snaps for the Huskies. However, many insiders believe freshman red-shirt Damon Huard has the potential to be the school's finest signal-caller. Beno Bryant rates among the nation's finest all-purpose talents, while Jay Berry rates among the nation's most underrated. Napoleon Kaufman has a "can't miss" tag attached to his name. Fullbacks Matt Jones and Darius Turner are pro prospects. This corp would top the list in most years.

TOP OFFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. Washington

2. Michigan

3. Georgia Tech

TOP RECEIVERS

1. Miami

2. Syracuse

3. Southern California

TOP OFFENSIVE LINES

1. Michigan

2. Ohio St.

3. Stanford

TOP DEFENSIVE LINES

1. Miami

2. Alabama

3. Colorado

TOP LINEBACKERS

1. Colorado

2. Florida State

3. Miami

TOP DEFENSIVE BACKFIELDS

1. Washington

2. Florida

3. Alabama

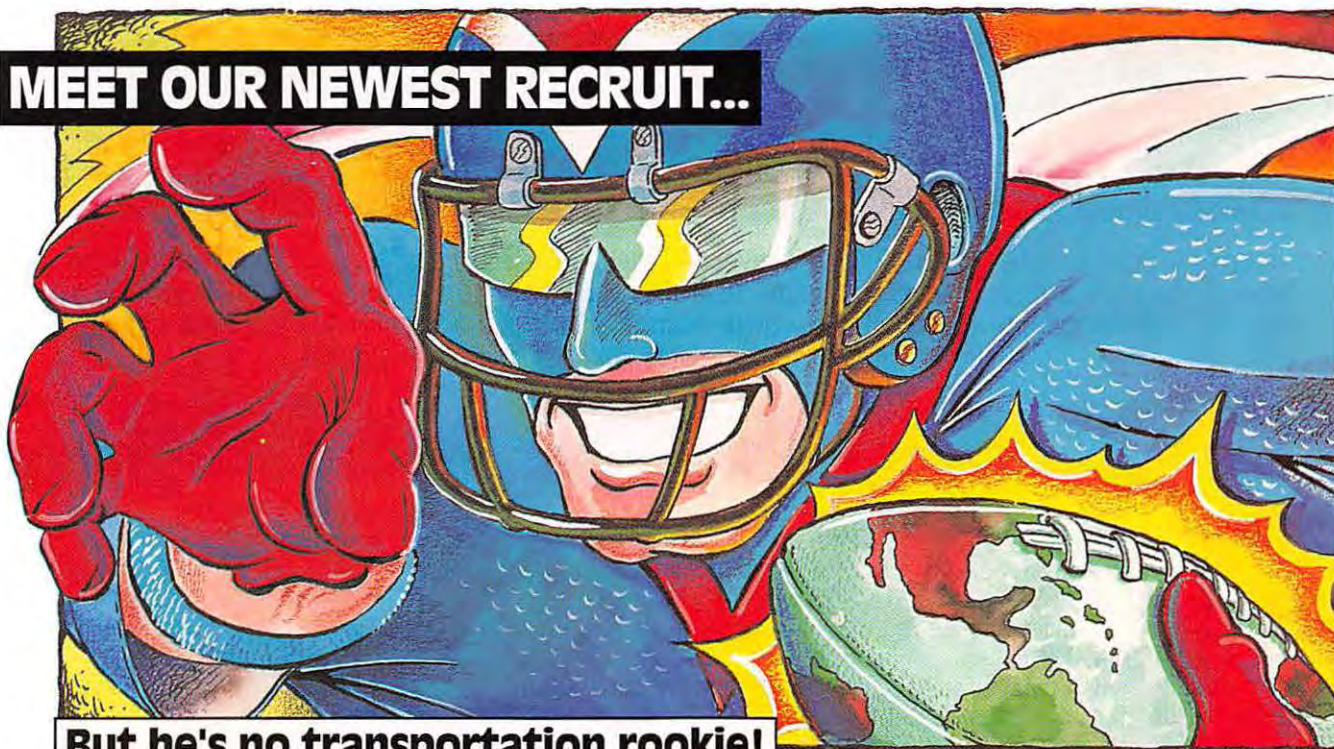
TOP KICKING GAMES

1. Syracuse

2. Clemson

3. Notre Dame

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3. MIAMI WIDE RECEIVERS: Has there been a better collegiate trio than Lamar Thomas, Kevin Williams and Horace Copeland? If they continue to progress at the same rate in '91, the answer to the aforementioned question is a "resounding no".

4. COLORADO LINEBACKERS: The Buffaloes should rate among the nation's stingiest defenses in '92 based largely on the play of a linebacking unit which will prove to be an offensive coordinator's worst nightmare. Ronnie Woolfork and Chad Brown, both outside 'backers, are relentless in pursuit and are feared hitters. Inside, Greg Biekert rates among the collegiate game's five best.

5. FLORIDA STATE LINEBACKERS: This might be the most underrated corp in the country. The loss of Kirk Carruthers and Howard Dinkins will be more than offset by Ken Alexander, Sterling Palmer and Marvin Jones, who is a consensus All-American.

6. MIAMI LINEBACKERS: Swift and aggressive are the operative words when discussing this group. Michael Barrow dominates the middle, while Darrin Smith and Jessie Armstead man the outside slots.

7. WASHINGTON DEFENSIVE BACKS:

Cornerback Walter Bailey is a superb defender capable of the big play. Safeties Tommie Smith and Shane Pahouka will play on Sundays next year.

8. MICHIGAN OFFENSIVE LINE: The Wolverines annually field an imposing offensive front and this year is no different. Remember the names Mike Sullivan and Trezelle Jenkins. They're backups and likely first round draft choices in three years.

9. ALABAMA DEFENSIVE LINE: The Crimson Tide possesses the finest set of defensive ends in the country in John Copeland and Eric Curry. Backups Jeremy Nunely and Dameian Jeffries are future stars.

10. SYRACUSE WIDE RECEIVERS: While Qadry Ismail is the focus of the media, teammates Shelby Hill and Antonio Johnson receive comparable attention from opponents.

UNAPPRECIATED

Annually there are heated debates regarding the nation's finest players. Often, the recognition a player garners can be attributed to national television exposure and superb

FUTURE LEADERS

Expect these aides to top the lists around the country when schools look to chart a new course for their programs.

Here's a glance at the nation's most revered aides. The first rates current assistants who should be running their own programs in the '90s. The second offers an additional list of coaches considered superb teachers whose names aren't often mentioned for head coaching positions for various reasons, such as loyalty to school.

OFFENSE

1. TERRY SHEA Stanford Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator

Shea relinquished the reins at San Jose State to reunite with Cardinal mentor Bill Walsh.

2. SKIP HOLTZ Notre Dame Receivers

Lou's son has the makings of a big timer according to numerous sources. Will he replace his father in South Bend?

3. CAM CAMERON Michigan Quarterbacks/Receivers

Considered by many as one of the finest tutors in the game. Taking into account his age, 31 years old, his future is bright.

4. TED WILLIAMS Washington State Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs

A top-notch motivator and evaluator of talent. Has the knack for taking players to the next level.

5. PAT RUEL Kansas Offensive Coordinator

The "Golden" Ruel is definitely upwardly mobile. Insiders intimate he's the key cog in the Jayhawks' recent success.

Worthy of Mention: Tommy Bowden, Auburn/Offensive Coordinator; Watson Brown, Mississippi State/Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks; Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee/Asst. Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator; Pat Hill, Arizona/Offensive Coordinator, Tight Ends and Tackles; Dirk Koetter, Missouri/Offensive Coordinator; Bill Meyers, Pittsburgh/Offensive Line and Offensive Coordinator; Mark Richt, Florida State/Quarterbacks.

DEFENSE

1. BOB DAVIE Texas A&M Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

Annually fields a feared defense which plays in a constant attack mode while remaining fundamentally sound.

2. ARTIE GIGANTINO California Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

Rates as one of the game's finest recruiters and a vastly underrated tutor. A superb motivator.

3. JIM LAMBRIGHT Washington Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator

There's no doubt that he's slated to fill the shoes of Don James. Arguably the best X's and O's coach in the nation.

4. WAYNE HALL Auburn Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Auburn defensive unit has produced a plethora of professional players, thanks to Hall.

5. LARRY MARMIE Ohio State Linebackers

The former Arizona State mentor has been among the finest defensive minds in the game for decades. Will have an immediate positive impact for the Buckeyes.

Worthy of Mention: Chuck Amato, Florida State/Asst. Head Coach and Defensive Line; Lloyd Carr, Michigan/Defensive Coordinator; Ron Dickerson, Clemson/Defensive Coordinator; Pete Fredenburg, Baylor/Asst. Head Coach; Randy Hart, Washington/Defensive Line; Tom Hayes, Oklahoma/Defensive Coordinator; Dan McCarney, Wisconsin/Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Line; Tom Tuberville, Miami/Linebackers.

publicity departments. Therefore, the game's best are often overlooked. That's no longer a dilemma because here's an All-American team consisting of worthy players of whom you've never heard.

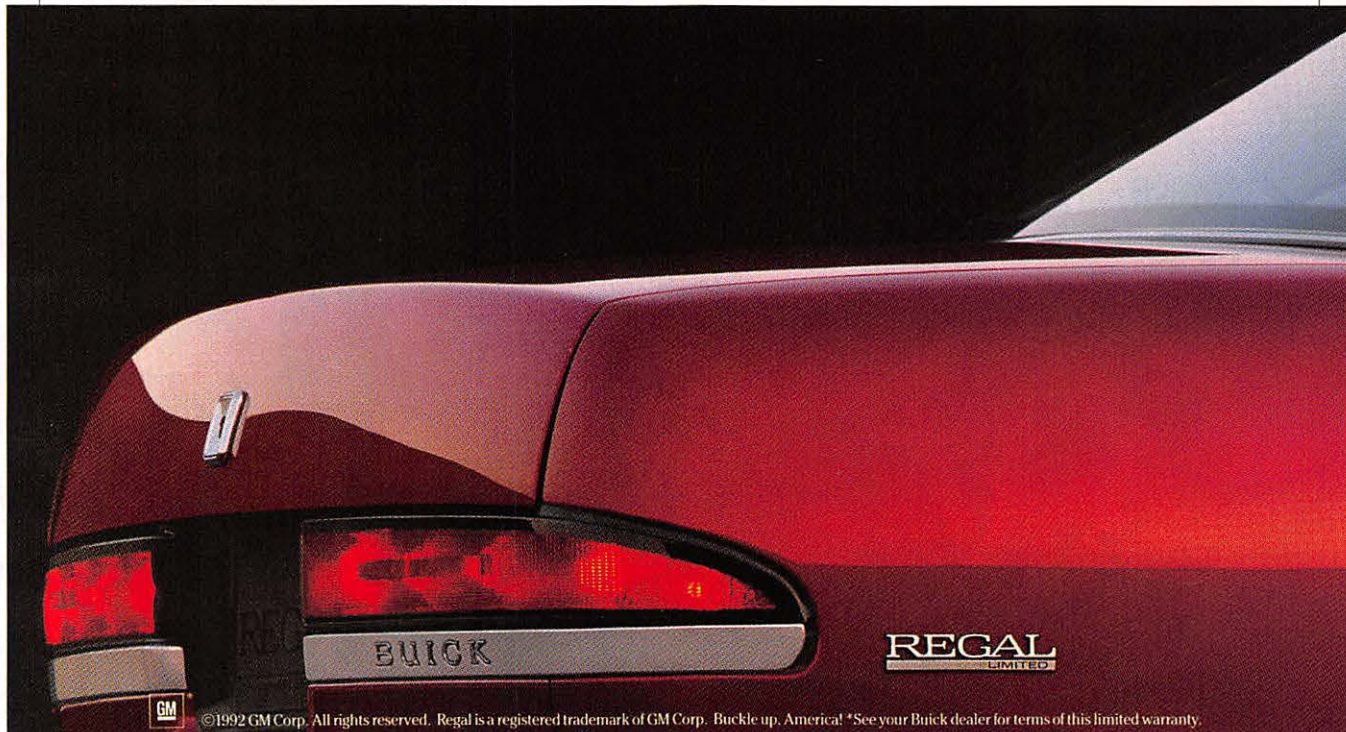
OFFENSE

QB Glenn Foley, Jr. (Boston College) — Displayed excellent progress last season and drew rave reviews during

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MICHIGAN-NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

A Series for the Ages

BY PATTI AUER

Some fans swear the wind actually stopped. It was the final play of the game. Only four seconds remained on the clock and Notre Dame was 34-yards away from the end zone and a victory. It was a miserable day — especially for kickers and quarterbacks. Wind gusts of up to 25 miles per hour were prevalent all day. It was South Bend weather at its best.

But Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine elected to try a field goal, anyway. The Irish gathered in a huddle and left-footed walk-on kicker Harry Oliver trotted onto the field, despite the fact he had earlier missed a field goal and an extra point, and regardless of wind gusts that were anything but calm.

Oliver's kick wasn't going to be easy. A field goal would give the Irish the win. A miss and the Wolverines would walk away with the victory. A 51-yard kick was not an easy task on a calm day and Oliver was kicking into a 20-25 mph wind. Taking into account his longest successful field goal was from 37 yards, this time victory seemed assured for Michigan.

The Irish emerged from the huddle and lined up in field goal formation. Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler quit pacing the sidelines to watch as Oliver stepped back and prepared for what seemed an impossible task.

Irish fans still proclaim the wind seemed to die as Oliver's foot hit the ball. The ball kept rising, rising, tumbling aimlessly through the still air straight toward the goalposts. Then it headed straight down, clearing the bars by only a few inches.

It was 1980 and the score was Notre Dame 27, Michigan 26.

"I thought it was never going to get there. I thought I had a better chance of running it in than Harry did kicking it," remembered Tim Koegel, Notre Dame's third-string quarterback and holder on the play. "The ball kept rising, then it came straight down. It couldn't have cleared the bar by more than three inches. I always dreamed of being part of a play like that."

The shocking victory propelled Notre Dame into a seven-game winning streak and a berth in the Sugar Bowl in Devine's last season. Michigan went on to win the Rose Bowl.

"It's the game I remember most. It was an unbelievable 40 seconds," Devine recalled. "Michigan appeared to win. With 40 seconds to go, Blair Kiel came in at quarterback, we moved down the field and then Oliver kicked the field goal with no time left."

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The Irish don't always fare so well against Michigan.

The 1986 contest is one place-kicker John Carney, and a capacity crowd of 59,075 at Notre Dame Stadium would like to forget.

This time the Irish rallied from a 24-14 Michigan lead behind the heroics of quarterback Steve Beuerlein (21 of 33 passes for 262 yards) and a wide-open offensive attack of first-year Coach Lou Holtz. A victory was in reach for the Irish but only 18 seconds were left. Once again the scene was set for a Notre Dame miracle finish. Only a 45-yard field goal attempt separated Holtz and his first victory as coach of the Irish. It could be another fantastic finish.

It was — for Michigan. Carney didn't follow the Oliver playbook. His 45-yard field goal attempt went wide and the Wolverines, behind Jim Harbaugh's exceptional play, ran out the clock.

"I knew he was going to miss," Schembechler said afterwards. "It couldn't happen to me twice. This time it was my turn."

So goes the Michigan-Notre Dame series.

These teams have met just 21 times over a 104-year period, but the series remains one of the most storied and hotly contested in both school's rich football traditions. And as much as they probably don't like to admit it, Michigan was the school that got the Irish started on the road to gridiron glory. And they taught Notre Dame a few lessons along the way.

The first meeting in the series came in 1887. That was when a group of Michigan students took the Michigan Central Railroad to Niles, then went on to South Bend by horse and buggy. The "Champions of the West" toured the Notre Dame campus, joined students for lunch and then stopped at a neighborhood playground to engage in a pick-up football game. They whipped the upstart Irish 8-0 in an era when touchdowns were worth four points and field goals garnered five points.

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MOST MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES

SINCE THE RENEWAL OF THE NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN SERIES IN 1978, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STANDOUT PERFORMANCES. HERE ARE 10 OF THE MORE MEMORABLE.

1. RAGHIB ISMAIL (1989): The sophomore flanker established his legend as "The Rocket" as top ranked Notre Dame defeated No. 2 Michigan, 24-19. Ismail returned the second half kickoff for an 88 yard score to give the Irish a 14-6 lead. After Michigan cut the margin to 17-12, Ismail returned the kickoff 92 yards for another score.

2. DESMOND HOWARD (1991): With Michigan leading 17-14 and facing a fourth and one at Notre Dame's 25 yard line with 9:02 left, Elvis Grbac lofted a pass to a streaking Howard in the end zone. The double-teamed Howard made a spectacular dive and grab just inside the end line to secure Michigan's 24-14 win. It was the signature play of Howard's Heisman Trophy year. He added five other catches and a 29-yard touchdown run.

3. JON VAUGHN (1990): In his first start, the Michigan tailback shredded the Irish defense with his cut back moves. He rushed for 201 yards on 22 carries and added six receptions in a losing effort as Notre Dame prevailed, 28-24.

4. BOB CRABLE (1979): The Irish sophomore linebacker made his first start and played like a man possessed in Notre Dame's 12-10 upset win in Ann Arbor. Crable recorded 19 tackles and blocked Michigan's game-winning field goal attempt in the final moments. The Wolverines were held scoreless in the second half.

5. MIKE HAMMERSTEIN (1985): The Michigan tackle made 13 stops, four for lost yardage and three quarterback sacks. Michigan rallied from a 9-3 halftime deficit for a 20-12 win. Led by Hammerstein, the Wolverines allowed only five touchdowns and 75 points in 11 regular season games to finish No. 2 in the nation.

6. REGGIE HO (1988): A 5-5, 131-pound senior walk-on and pre-med major from Hawaii, Ho went out for football because it was a diversion from studying. He converted all four of his field goal attempts — the last with 1:13 left — to give Notre Dame a 19-17 win in the opener of its last championship season.

7. CHUCK MALE (1979): The walk-on kicker became the first Irish player to convert four field goals in a game for Notre Dame. He hit all four attempts in the 12-10 win over Michigan at Ann Arbor.

8. JIM HARBAUGH (1986): The Michigan quarterback performed flawlessly in the 24-23 win at Notre Dame Stadium. Harbaugh completed 15-of-23 passes for 239 yards. He repeatedly hurt the fired-up Irish with his scrambling skills and accuracy.

9. MICHIGAN OFFENSIVE LINE (1981): Led by future pros Bubba Paris, Ed Mursansky and Kurt Becker, the Wolverines smashed through the Irish defense with 304 yards rushing in the 25-7 victory. Notre Dame entered the game ranked No. 1 under first-year coach Gerry Faust.

10. NOTRE DAME DEFENSE (1982): One year after their debacle, an Irish defense led by Kevin Griffith, Mark Zavagnin, Mike Larkin and Dave Duerson held Michigan to 227 yards total offense — the lowest in the series by the Wolverines — in a 23-17 win.

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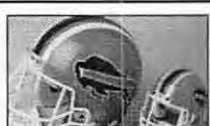
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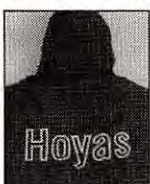


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- 2. MICHIGAN 24, NOTRE DAME 23 (1986):** Lou Holtz's debut as Notre Dame coach was impressive. The Irish, 5-6 the year before, rolled up 455 yards offense. But three turnovers inside Michigan's 15 yard line killed its hopes. Bo Schembechler's Big Ten champs took a 24-14 lead behind the passing of Jim Harbaugh. A missed Irish extra point made it 24-23, and John Carney's game-winning 45-yard field goal attempt with 13 seconds left went wide.
- 3. NOTRE DAME 19, MICHIGAN 17 (1988):** Notre Dame finished the year No. 1 and Michigan No. 4. They met in the opener, where Notre Dame took a 13-0 lead. Michigan took leads of 14-13 and 17-16, but Reggie Ho's field goal with 1:13 remaining in the game put Notre Dame up. Michigan kicker Mike Gillette, who had converted a 48-yarder minutes earlier, missed on a 49-yard attempt as time ran out.
- 4. NOTRE DAME 28, MICHIGAN 24 (1990):** A 14-3 Irish lead quickly vanished as Jon Vaughn rushed for 201 yards and Desmond Howard caught two scores for a 24-14 lead. But in his starting debut, sophomore Rick Mirer rallied Notre Dame in the fourth quarter with his passing. His game-winning 18-yard toss to Adrian Jarrell came with 1:40 left.
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The modern-day series began in full force in 1978. These two teams have met every year since, except for 1983 and 1984. They will meet through the 1990's except for 1995 and 1996 when Michigan's chief Big Ten rival, Ohio State, joins the Irish slate for a pair of games.

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It is a series filled with tradition, heroes and action-packed endings. That's only fitting for the two winningest programs in college football history. It is a series featuring top-ranked teams and potential national champions every year.

"Both teams have played football for a long time. They had great teams in the 20's. If I were describing a great rivalry I would say its like the Michigan-Notre Dame games. It is a game that should be

played," said Devine. "(Playing) Michigan has been a very prominent part of my coaching career."

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Notre Dame had only 179 yards of offense but four field goals by Chuck Male put the Irish in the lead. With time running out, Michigan had one final shot to win. With just seven seconds left the Wolverines lined up for a field goal on the Irish 15-yard line. Bryan Virgil got the kick away, but Notre Dame linebacker Bob Crable leaped over the line of scrimmage to block the potential winning field goal.

It marked the first Irish victory in Ann Arbor in 70 years. The last time Notre

Dame was victorious on Michigan's home-field was in 1909 — the first Irish victory of the series.

1988 NOTRE DAME 19, MICHIGAN 17 NOTRE DAME STADIUM

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1989 NOTRE DAME 24, MICHIGAN 19 MICHIGAN STADIUM

It was top-ranked Notre Dame versus second-ranked Michigan.

Michigan Stadium became the launching pad of the Rocket. Notre Dame's Raghib Ismail blasted into the national spotlight in this meeting. The Irish sophomore returned the second half kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown and stunned the capacity crowd in the fourth quarter with a 92-yard touchdown return. No player had ever returned two kickoffs for touchdowns against Michigan. Ismail's last score put the Irish ahead for good and Notre Dame won its third consecutive meeting.

Ismail did not realize the impact, or the lasting impression his two touchdowns left.

"It's so early in the season, no one will probably remember," said Ismail, who would go on to be one of the most popular players in Irish history.

Wolverines remember. Before "Rocket," no one had ever run back two touchdowns against Michigan in a single game.

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The Irish found themselves backed up in a third and 15 situation when Rick Mirer's pass, intended for Raghib Ismail, was tipped by Michigan's Lance Dotin into the hands of Irish freshman Adrian Jarrell for a 45-yard gain. Several plays later, Mirer hit Jarrell for an 18-yard touchdown pass and the victory. The Irish winning streak climbed to four games.

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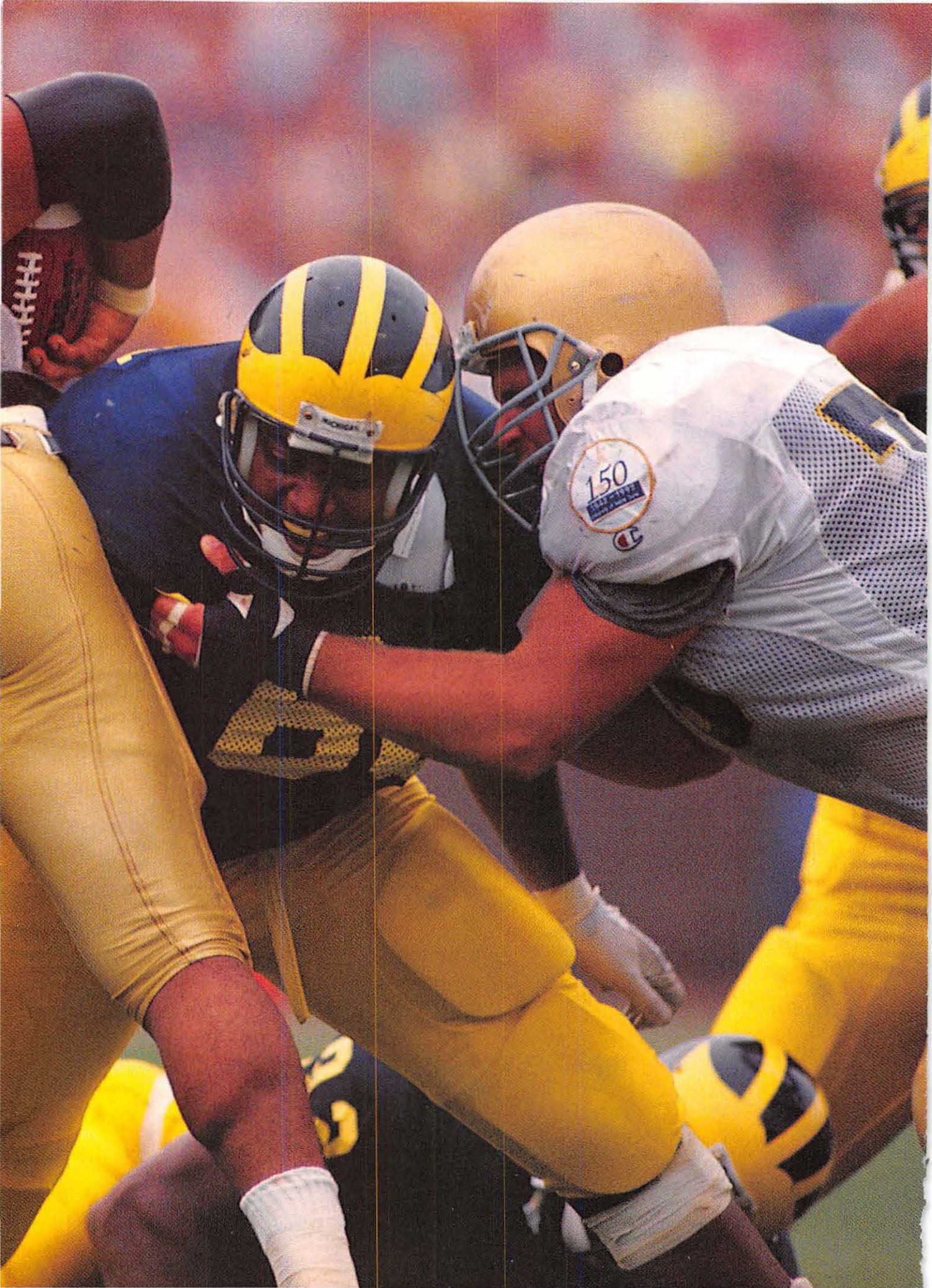
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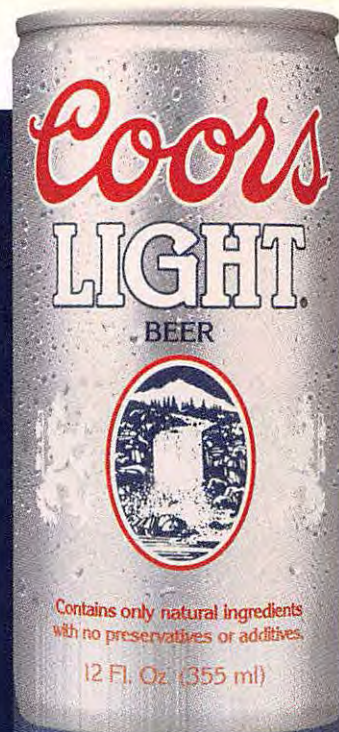
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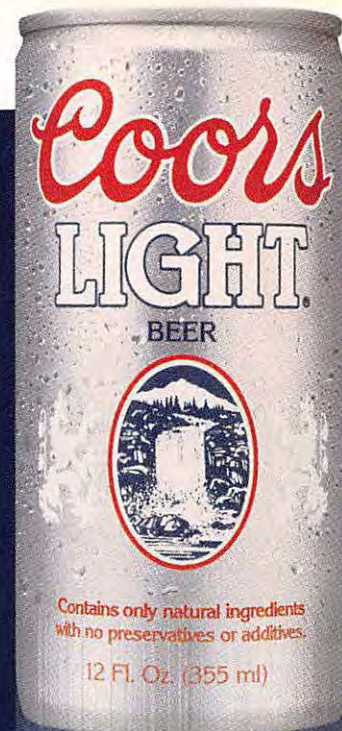
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In what was clearly the biggest story of college football's off-season, Walsh, who led the San Francisco 49ers to three Super Bowl championships during the 1980s, walked away from his job as a television analyst and turned down a chance to return to the 49ers as a consultant to go back to Stanford, the place where he proved himself as a head coach.

"This is my bliss," said Walsh, 60, who replaced Dennis Green, a former Walsh assistant both at Stanford and with the 49ers. Green, who spent three seasons at Stanford before resigning to become head coach of the Minnesota Vikings, guided the Cardinal to an 8-4 record in 1991, only the third winning season for Stanford in the 13 years since Walsh departed.

"Denny brought a mediocre football program to national prominence. Hopefully, we can take it another level higher," said Walsh, who after 17 years as a college and pro assistant led Stanford to a 17-7 record and back-to-back bowl victories in 1977 and '78. He then moved up the Peninsula to San Francisco, where in ten years with the 49ers, he compiled a 102-63-1 record and won three Super Bowls XVI, XIX and XXIV.

"I'm flabbergasted to have a guy of his stature come back," Stanford athletic director Ted Leland said. "There is no name in all of football that has more impact." And Walsh's impact on the Cardinal program was immediate. Within hours of his hiring, the athletic department had to hire extra telephone operators to take calls from people interested in buying season tickets. Within days, a football boosters group had received substantial donations from wealthy alumni. Within a week, Stanford was invited to face Texas A&M in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, the first game of the 1992 season.

Walsh's return came as a surprise to a lot of people, including Green Bay Packers coach Mike Holmgren, a former Walsh assistant with the 49ers.

"When we were working together, I could see how very stressful the job was," Holmgren said. "He put so much into it. I didn't think he'd really want to coach again."

But Walsh had "a feeling for many years that somehow I would end up back here, teaching in this college. This is my arena, coaching a football team. This is what I want," he said.

"He sees himself as a teacher and a coach, and this is really what he wanted to do without the incredible pressure of the NFL," Leland said.

"I just wasn't ready to drift off into

the sunset in broadcasting," Walsh said. "I have enough vitality and energy that I'd like a challenge again. It wouldn't be in the NFL. I knew that and I didn't want that, and it wouldn't be NFL management. This is really the only coaching job I would have considered, and it just so happened it was there when I was at a point where I wanted to continue to be actively involved in something.

"These should be good years. Then I'll feel I've reached whatever goals I had and extended myself as far as I really could," said Walsh, who lives in nearby Menlo Park with his wife, Geri.

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flanker Justin Armour said. "That white hair was just glowing over there. He looked like an idol."

The player who stands to gain most from Walsh's return is Cardinal quarterback Steve Stenstrom.

"When we look at films, he'll probably tear me apart, but I'm really looking forward to it," Stenstrom said. "It's a great opportunity for me. He's definitely one of the greatest minds in football. Coach Green ran the same system they used to use with the 49ers, and it was exciting to run Coach Walsh's offense."

"He's pretty much a legend," Stanford center Glen Cavanaugh said.

For the past three years, Walsh worked as NBC television's No. 1 football analyst. There was widespread speculation that Walsh was looking for a new job because the network wanted to demote him this season. But Walsh, although he joked about his television work, said NBC wanted him back. And Terry O'Neil, executive producer of NBC Sports, gave no indication Walsh was pushed out, even though Walsh never gained the acclaim afforded

his rival CBS' coach-turned-commentator, John Madden.

"I made the mistake (when Walsh was hired) of saying he would be the best analyst of technical football there had ever been," O'Neil told The New York Times. "But the 'technical' part got lost, and what resulted was too much expectation to put on anybody, especially with John Madden on the air.

"We don't at all regret the selection of Walsh as the No. 1 analyst. We felt we needed a major injection of authority, and he gave it to us," O'Neil said.

Walsh had decided to leave NBC even before he took the Stanford job — to return to the 49ers as a full-time consultant. Insiders said 49ers coach George Seifert felt threatened by Walsh, but "George was totally supportive of Bill," team owner Eddie DeBartolo said. "He could have taken me aside and said 'It's not going to work,' but he didn't."

"I think I made the right decision for everybody," Walsh said. "It's George's ballclub, and one of the reasons I left in the first place was so that George could have autonomy. I think it's going to work out fine. I'll be available to offer input. I don't think there will be too many questions."

At Stanford, Walsh reportedly received a five-year contract worth \$350,000 per year. He labeled as "outrageous" reports that his total package, including perks from boosters, is worth \$800,000 per year. He said he is making "dramatically less than my NBC salary, and it's less than the 49ers offered."

Whatever Walsh makes, boosters say Stanford is getting a bargain.

"If you can get a Nobel Laureate in chemistry or physics, it isn't unreasonable to try and get that kind of football coach," said Gary Cavalli, a former Stanford sports information director who now promotes the Shrine East-West All-Star Game.

"Stanford is going to be to college football what Duke is to college basketball," said CBS football analyst Randy Cross, who played center on Walsh's 49ers. "Anyone with athletic ability and brains would have to have a case of temporary insanity not to go there. The only surprising aspect of it is the rigors of going back to recruiting. But, frankly, I see it along the same lines as Bear Bryant at Alabama, Woody Hayes at Ohio State, Bo Schembechler at Michigan. The players will come to Bill."

Once it became apparent Walsh was interested, Leland did everything he could to bring the coach back.

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where he maybe wouldn't have to do all the work that a normal head football coach at this level would do. He nixed that right away," the athletic director said. "His comment to me has been all along, 'If I take this job, I'll work as hard as I ever have at any job.' I think we got ourselves a full-blown head football coach.

"Anybody who knows him, knows how competitive he is," said Leland, a former Walsh assistant at Stanford. "There's no question when he gets up in that chair and starts going, he's going to coach just as hard as he always has."

Still, Walsh said he would not have taken the job had not Terry Shea agreed to leave his position as head coach at San Jose State to become Walsh's assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

"At this stage of my life, at this stage of my career, Terry Shea can take a hands-on position on a lot of things that I'm not sure I want to do," Walsh said. "He's at the stage of his career where he can be a hands-on assistant, something I didn't have the first time I was at Stanford. I needed Terry Shea, and I wouldn't have taken the job unless Terry had agreed to play that role.

"There'll be a lot of organizational things he'll do, a lot of preparation. He'll have a very active part in the game itself. He'll be in a role that most of the major universities have — a man who's real close to the coach. At this stage of my career, this is what I needed.

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Nelson (running backs), and former 49ers Mike Wilson (receivers), Keena Turner (outside linebackers) and Tom Holmoe (secondary). Only Holmoe has coaching experience — as a graduate assistant at Brigham

Young University.

"We'll have a very young staff. That's one of the basis of my coming back, to do that," Walsh said. "My history has been good with guys I developed or had a part in developing, going on to the NFL. The vigor and enthusiasm and history of those players is very important."

But expectations would be high even with a staff made up of guys named Moe, Larry and Curly. "I think some people are expecting that Bill will get us to the next level, which is a New Year's Day bowl or even the Rose Bowl, but I don't think that's realistic," boosters club president Chuck Evans said. "I think maybe the measuring stick is a bowl season every year. It's not like that's something that's happened here every year.

"But I suppose there are some people who expect him to make such a difference that we're just going to stroll through everyone with no problem. People are probably thinking that if he could take a team to the Super Bowl, he can take one to the Rose

Bowl. But we have a game in October (at Washington) that will have something to say about that."

Two-time defending Rose Bowl champion Washington has beaten the Cardinal by a combined 94-23 the past two years — and both games were at Stanford.

"The expectations will be high, and there's always the possibility of disaster," Walsh said. "I don't think it will be a disaster, but don't expect any improvement on what Denny Green did. If I can live up to what he did, then I'll feel OK, but that's a big 'if'.

"I think the team will be representative and will play extremely hard and be well-drilled. And we will play to our full potential. That I do believe." □



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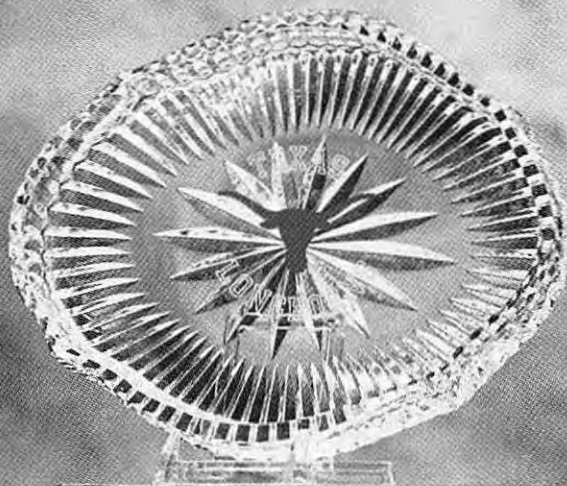
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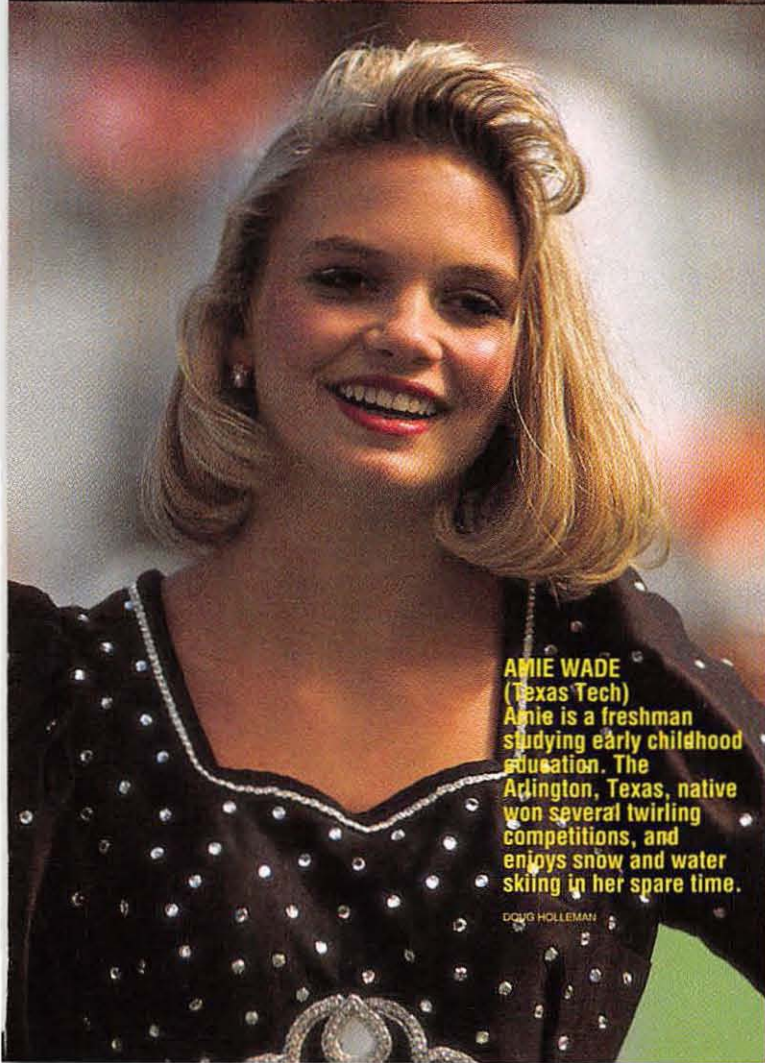
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(TOWS)

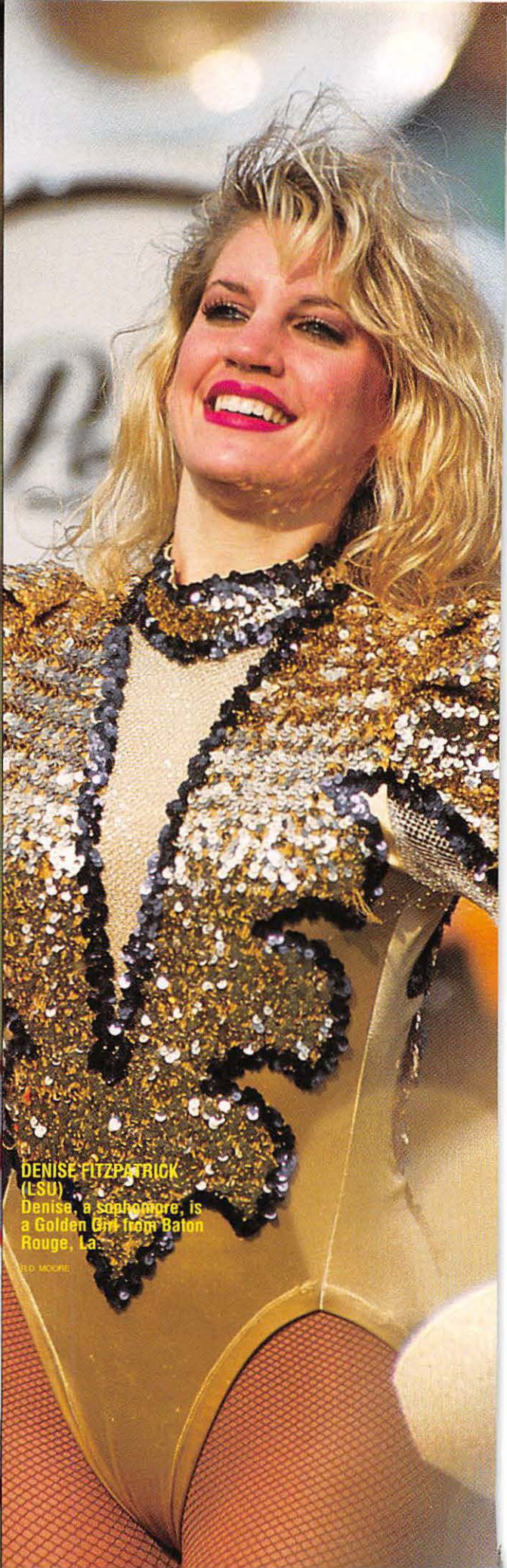
A native of Peoria, Ill., Jennifer is a senior Communications and English major. She is in the Honors program and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. She enjoys dancing in her spare time.

JOHN HILLMAN



AMY BEDFELT
(Wisconsin)
A junior from
Milwaukee, Wis.,
majoring in business,
Amy enjoys aerobics and
running.

JAMES PHILLIPS



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(LSU)
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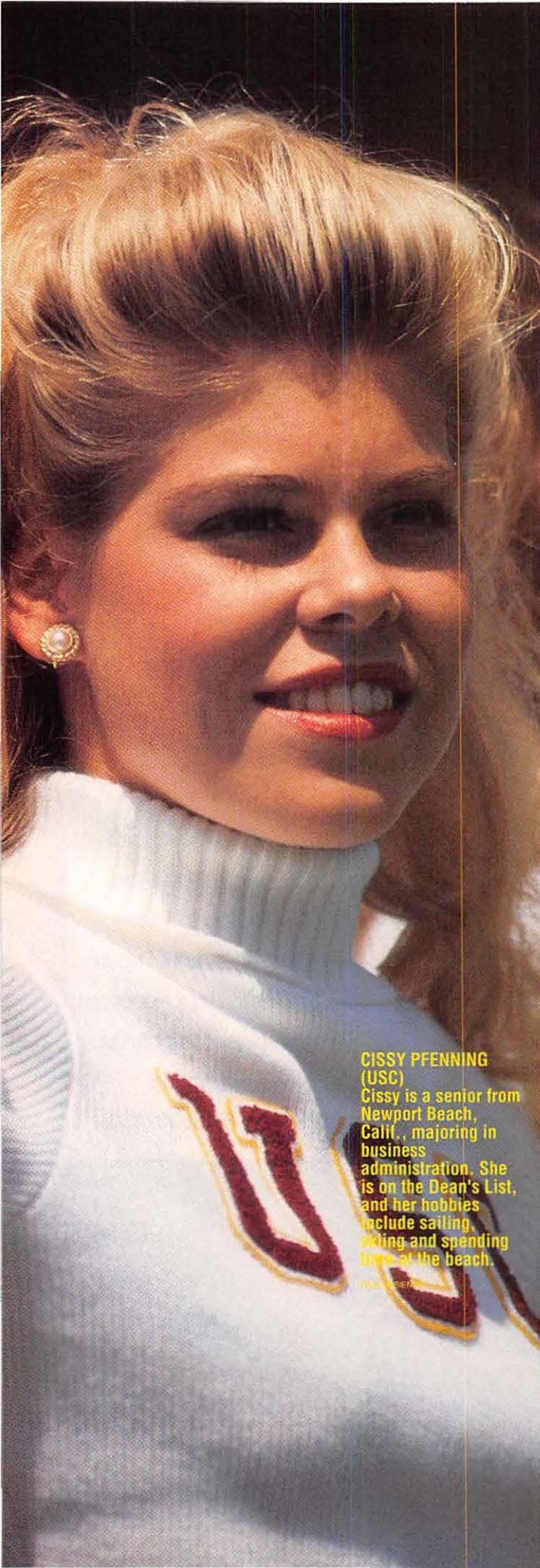
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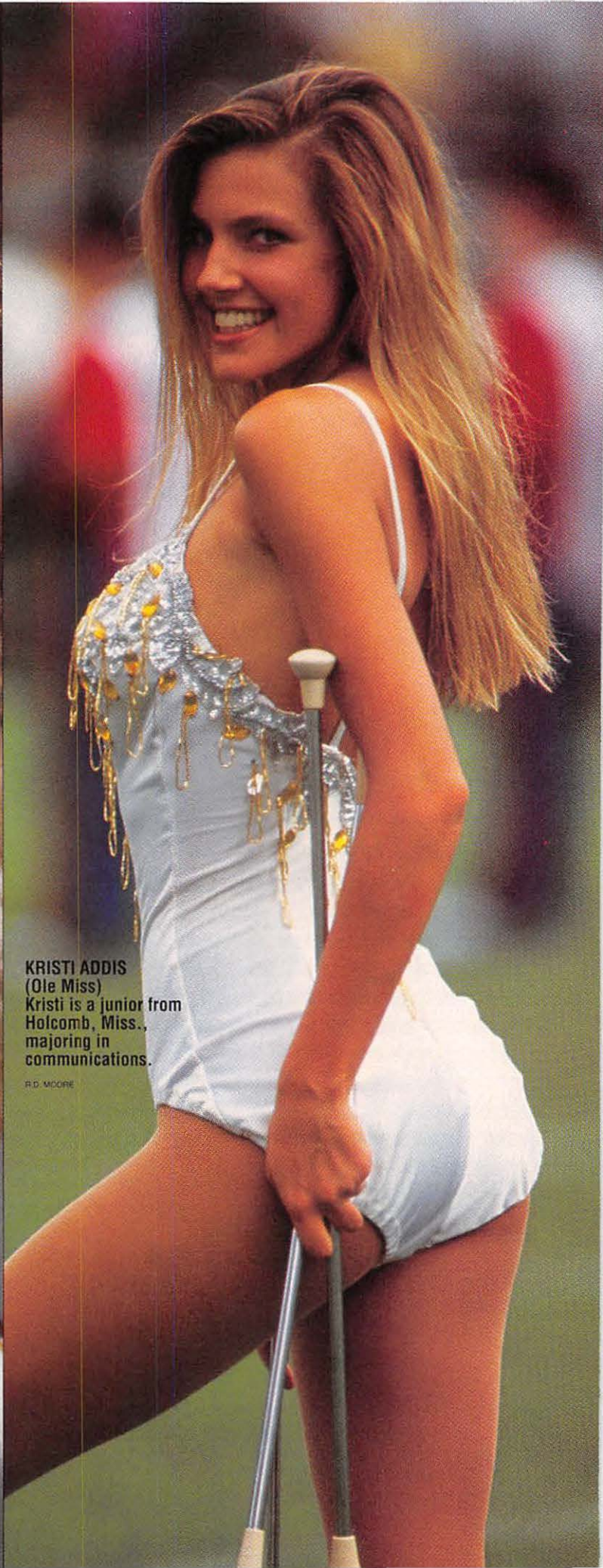
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(USC)**

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(Ole Miss)**

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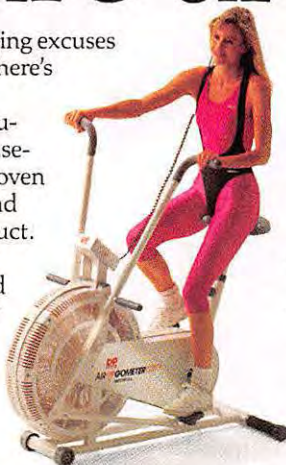
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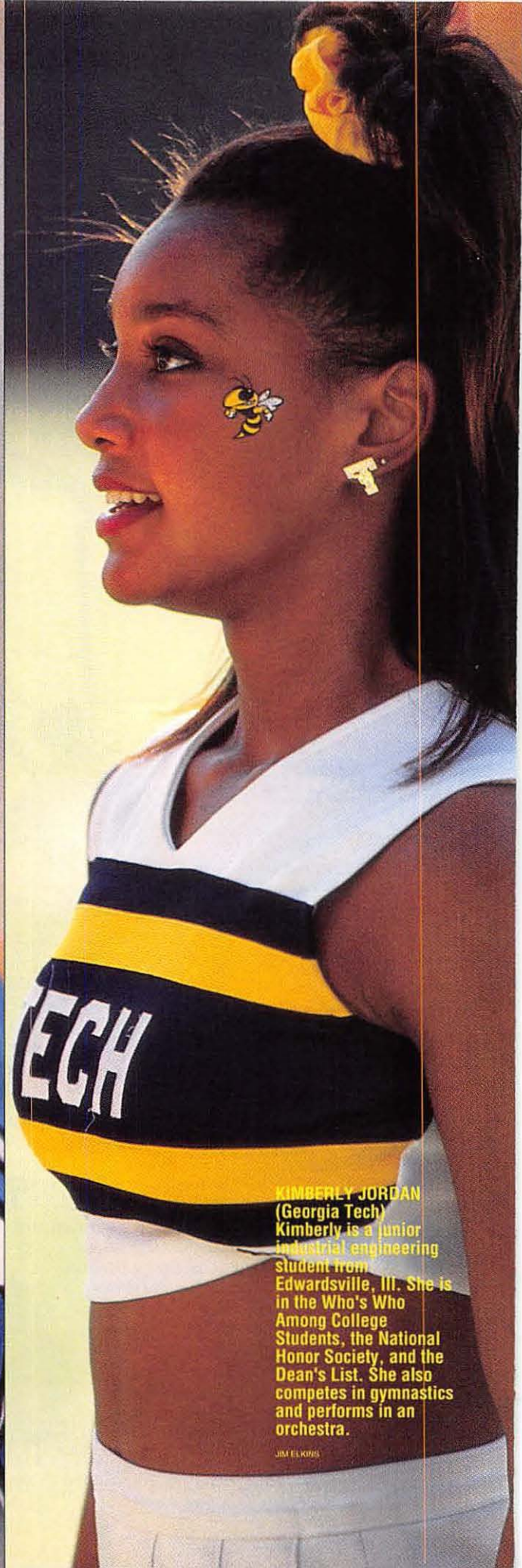


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JENNY BOMAR
(North Carolina)
A sophomore English education major from Durham, N.C., Jenny is the daughter of UNC great Gayle Bomar, who was starting quarterback in 1967 and '68.

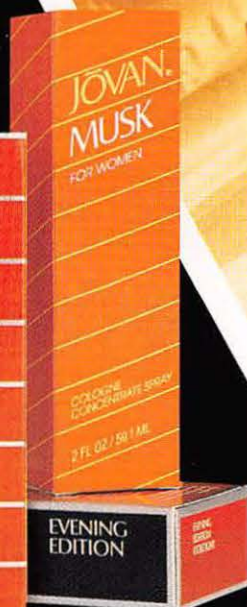
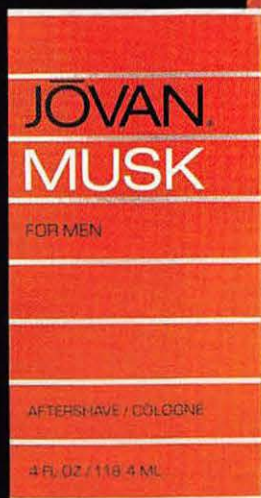
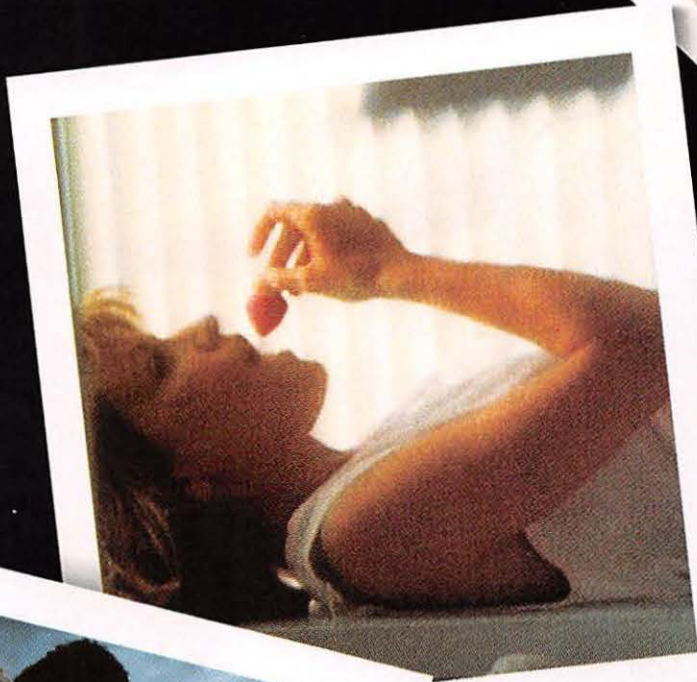
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(Georgia Tech)
Kimberly is a junior industrial engineering student from Edwardsville, Ill. She is in the Who's Who Among College Students, the National Honor Society, and the Dean's List. She also competes in gymnastics and performs in an orchestra.

JIM ELKINS

What is sexy?



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What sexy is.



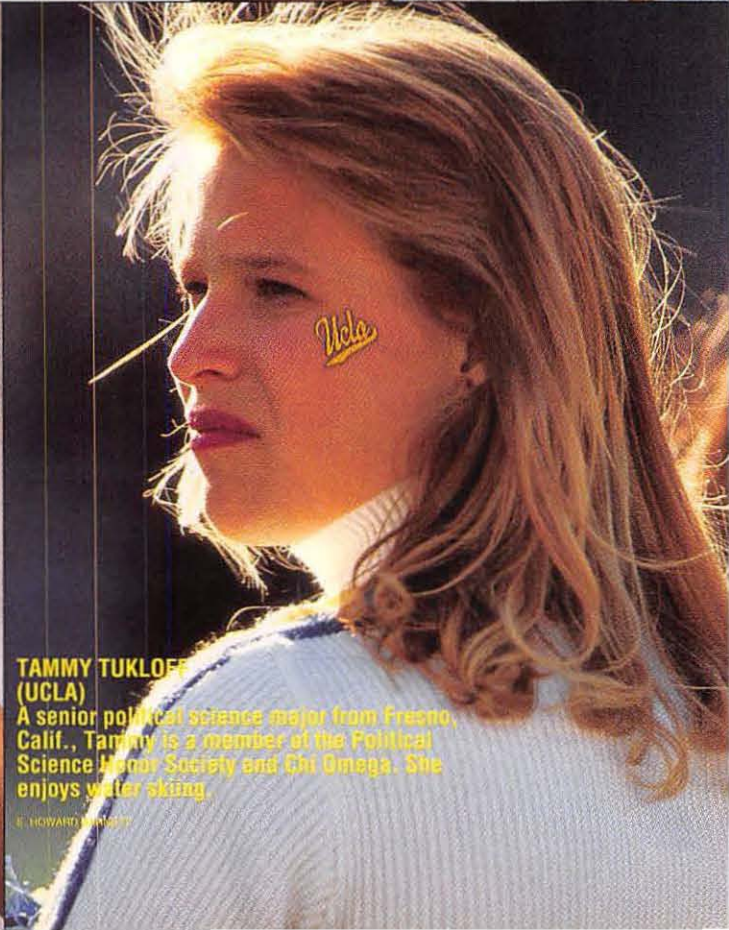
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SHA HARTLEY
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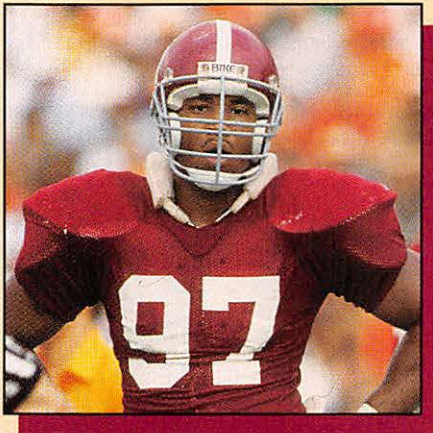
TAMMY TUKLOFF
(UCLA)
A senior political science major from Fresno,
Calif., Tammy is a member of the Political
Science Honor Society and Chi Omega. She
enjoys water skiing.

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ALABAMA 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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coaching football like it was a military campaign. I think that's why he and Tennessee coach (General Bob) Neyland



Cornelius Bennett

had such a rivalry going. They were both military men."

By 1925, the best football was supposedly played on the West Coast. So after a 9-0 record, Alabama was extended the invitation to play in the 1926 Rose Bowl.

The opponent was Washington, a team again generally considered to be the best in the nation, and the Tide was not given much of a chance in their Rose Bowl debut.

But again, Alabama carried the flag of the South to California and pulled one of the great upsets of the day, beating the Huskies, 20-19.

The victory so impressed sportswriters of the day that they voted Alabama the national champions, the first of many such titles for the Crimson Tide.

"I often said that until Alabama beat Washington in the Rose Bowl, that Southern football was not known about," said Sington, who was in high school in Birmingham at the time and is now semi-retired in his home town. "All you ever heard about was the Ivy League and West Coast football.

"But once Alabama beat Washington and started that string of Rose Bowl successes, it made people sit up and take notice of Southern football."

The next year Alabama returned to the Rose Bowl to play Stanford, coached by the legendary Pop Warner, and shocked the Indians with a 7-7 tie that earned both teams a share of the national championship.

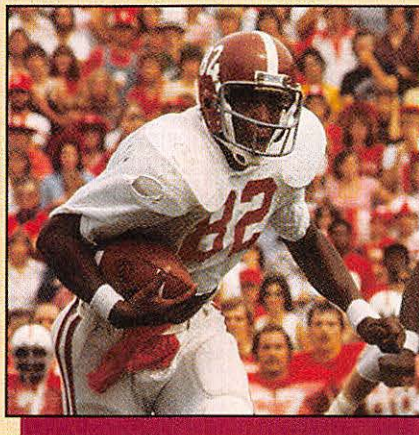
Then in 1930, with Sington as team

captain, Wade took Alabama to a 9-0 record, outscoring its opponents 247-13. Sington was immortalized in a song by Rudy Vallee, who recorded a tune called "Football Freddie," that was played on radio stations throughout the country for years to come.

The 1930 Tide was invited back to the Rose Bowl again, this time to face Washington State.

"We went out there, and those West Coast papers said they couldn't understand why they picked our team," Sington said. "They said we couldn't run or throw, and we'd be no match for Washington State.

"That was the game where Coach Wade started our second string, and in the second quarter brought in the starters and in about eight minutes we'd scored two touchdowns, running and throwing.



Ozzie Newsome

"It was real exciting. Everything they said we couldn't do, we did."

Alabama won 24-0 to remain undefeated in Rose Bowl play and win its third national championship, sharing the honor with Notre Dame.

"But the big thing was, they changed their tune about us when we went back in 1935 and 1937," Sington said. "I was out by then, but I was scouting some for Alabama. And when we went back out there again, they knew we could play football in the South."

Clemons pops back into the history of Alabama football as a footnote in 1932, when he was the football coach at Tuscaloosa High and a young man named Paul Bryant was finishing his senior year of high school before enrolling in the University.

"Bryant used to come out and sit on the bench with me during games that year," Clemons said. "He had used up his high school eligibility in Arkansas, and he was finishing high school in Tuscaloosa.

"Later, he gave me a lot of credit for

his success. I always told my boys to play by the rules and enjoy the game. Years later, when I was coaching in Memphis, Bryant came by and told me, 'I realize I need to do what you did and teach good sportsmanship and see if I can't enjoy the game more.' He said it changed the way he approached the game."

All of which backs up something Sington feels very strongly about, something he wishes more Alabama fans realized.

"Not to take anything away from what Bryant did," Sington said. "But the foundation was laid back in the days of Coach Wade. He should get more credit for establishing the tradition of Alabama football. It was already there when Bryant became coach.

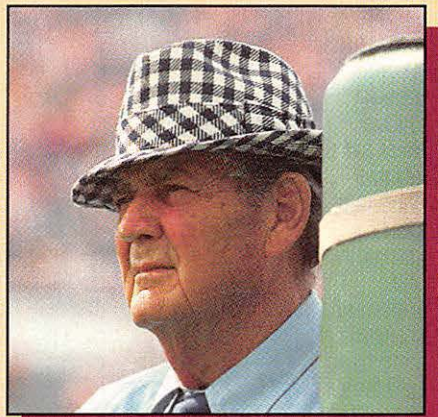
"You see, people like winners. And back then, colleges didn't go looking for players like they do now. You played with what showed up. And my freshman year, we had 128 players out for the team. All of them came to Alabama because we had great teams."

Great teams made up of great players. Players like Johnny Mack Brown, John "Hurri" Cain, Frank Howard, Dixie Howell, Don Hutson and Harry Gilmer.

Future NFL stars like Bart Starr, Lee Roy Jordan, Joe Namath, Kenny Stabler, John Hannah, Dwight Stephenson and Ozzie Newsome.

Right on to the stars of today — Cornelius Bennett, Derrick Thomas, and Bobby Humphrey.

"It started way back then," Sington said. "And it's kept on through today."



Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant

It is a tradition that has made Alabama one of the most popular and enduring football programs in the nation.

Like the man said, people like winners. People like Alabama football. □

NATIONAL POSITION-BY-POSITION RATINGS

Following is an alphabetical listing of preseason position-by-position ratings for all 107 NCAA Division I-A teams by John Hadley, *Lindy's* Senior College football Editor, using a standard A-B-C-D-F grading scale. These ratings offer an additional evaluation of the nation's top teams. Hadley's ratings may differ from the regional editor's. Here's an explanation of the rating scale: A-excellent starters and depth; B-above average starters and depth; C-adequate starters and depth; D-below-average starters and depth; F-poor starters and no depth.

Key to abbreviations: **QB**—quarterbacks; **RB**—running backs and fullbacks; **WR**—wide receivers (tight ends are included for passing teams); **OL**—offensive line; **DL**—defensive line; **LB**—linebackers; **DB**—defensive backs; **KG**—kicking game (includes kickers along with return and coverage units).

SCHOOL	QB	RB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	KG
AIR FORCE	C	C+	C	C-	C	C+	C+	C-
AKRON	D	C	D	D	C-	C	C	C
ALABAMA	C+	B-	B-	B+	A	B-	A	C+
ARIZONA	C	B-	C+	C	B	C+	C	B-
ARIZONA STATE	C+	B-	C+	C-	C	C+	C+	B-
ARKANSAS	C	C+	C+	C+	C+	C+	C	B
ARKANSAS STATE	D	C-	C-	C-	C-	C-	C-	D
ARMY	D	D+	D	D+	D+	C-	C	C-
AUBURN	B-	B-	C+	B-	B-	B-	C+	C
BALL STATE	C	C	D	C-	C	C	C	D
BAYLOR	C+	A	B-	C	C	C	B	C-
BOSTON COLLEGE	A-	B-	C	C	C	B-	C	C
BOWLING GREEN ST.	C+	C	C+	C-	D-	C	C	C-
BRIGHAM YOUNG	C+	C+	B+	C	C+	C	C	C
CALIFORNIA	C-	A+	C+	C+	B	B	C+	A
CAL ST.-FULLERTON	D	D	D	D	D	F	D	D
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	D-	D+	D	C	C	C-	C	C
CINCINNATI	C	C	C	D	C-	C	D+	C-
CLEMSON	C	B	C+	C+	B-	B+	B	A
COLORADO	B-	B+	B	B+	B	A+	C+	C+
COLORADO STATE	C	C	C	C+	C	C	C-	C-
DUKE	C-	C	C+	C	C-	C	D	C
EAST CAROLINA	C	C	C+	C+	C	D	C	C
EASTERN MICHIGAN	C-	C-	C-	C	C	C	C	C-
FLORIDA	A	B-	A	C+	B-	B-	A+	C
FLORIDA STATE	B-	B	B	C	B	A+	B+	C
FRESNO STATE	C+	B+	C	C+	C	C	C	C+
GEORGIA	A+	B+	B-	B	C+	C+	C	B
GEORGIA TECH	B+	A	C	C	C+	C	C	B-
HAWAII	C+	C	C	C	C+	C	C-	B+
HOUSTON	C	C	B+	C	C+	B	C	C-
ILLINOIS	B	C+	C+	C	C	B+	C	C+
INDIANA	B	C	B-	C	B	C	B	C+
IOWA	C	C+	C+	B+	C+	C	C+	C
IOWA STATE	C	C	C	B-	C	C	C+	C+
KANSAS	B-	C	C	C	B	C+	C	A-
KANSAS STATE	C-	C	C	C+	C	C+	C-	C
KENT	D+	C-	C-	C	D-	C	C	D-
KENTUCKY	C+	C	C	C+	C	C+	C+	C
LSU	C+	C	C	B-	C	B-	C+	C
LOUISIANA TECH	C+	B-	C+	C	C	C	C	C+
LOUISVILLE	C+	C+	C	C	C	C-	C-	C-
MARYLAND	D	C-	C	C	C-	C	C-	C-
MEMPHIS STATE	C	B-	C+	B-	C+	C+	C+	C+
MIAMI	A-	B-	A+	B	A+	A+	B-	B-
MIAMI OF OHIO	C	C	C	C-	C-	C	C+	C
MICHIGAN	A	A+	B-	A	B	B+	B-	C+
MICHIGAN STATE	C	B-	C+	C+	C+	B+	B-	C+
MINNESOTA	C	C+	C	C	C	C+	C	C+
MISSISSIPPI	B-	C+	C-	C	C+	C+	C+	C
MISSISSIPPI STATE	B-	C+	B-	B	C+	B-	C+	C
MISSOURI	B-	C	A	C	B-	C	C	C
NAVY	C-	C-	C	C-	D	C-	D-	C-

SCHOOL	QB	RB	WR	OL	DL	LB	DB	KG
NEBRASKA	C+	A+	C	B+	C+	B	C+	B
NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	D+	C	C+	C+	C	C+	C-	C
NEVADA	C	C	C	C	D	D	C-	C-
NEW MEXICO	C	D	C	D	D	D	D	C
NEW MEXICO STATE	C	C	C+	C-	C-	C-	C	C
NORTH CAROLINA	C+	B+	C+	C	C	C+	C+	C
NORTH CAROLINA ST.	B+	B	C	C+	C	C	B	C+
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	C	C	D	C-	C-	C-	C-	C
NORTHWESTERN	B	D	D	D	D	D	C	C
NOTRE DAME	A+	B	B	B	B-	B-	B+	A
OHIO STATE	C	A	C+	A	C+	B+	B	C+
OHIO UNIVERSITY	D+	C	C-	C-	D	C-	D+	C-
OKLAHOMA	B+	B+	C+	B-	B	C	C	C
OKLAHOMA STATE	C-	B-	C	C-	C+	C	C	C
OREGON	C-	C+	C+	C-	B-	C	B	C
OREGON STATE	C-	C+	D	D+	C	D	D	C+
PACIFIC	B	C	C	C	C-	C	C-	C+
PENN STATE	C	A	C+	B-	B	C	B-	C+
PITTSBURGH	B-	C+	B-	C	C-	B-	C+	C
PURDUE	B	B-	C+	C	C+	C	B	C
RICE	C	B-	C	C+	C	C-	C	C
RUTGERS	B-	C	C+	C	C	B-	A-	C
SAN DIEGO STATE	C+	B	B	C+	C+	C	C+	C
SAN JOSE STATE	B-	C	C-	C	C	C-	C	C
SOUTH CAROLINA	C	C+	C	C	C	C+	C	C
SOUTHERN CAL	C-	A-	A	B-	C+	B-	C	C+
SMU	C-	C	C	C	C-	C	C	C
SOUTHERN MISS	C	C	C+	C+	C+	C+	C	C
SOUTHWESTERN LA.	C-	D	C	C-	C	C	C	D
STANFORD	B-	C+	C+	A-	B	A-	C	C
SYRACUSE	A-	B-	A+	C	B-	A-	C+	A
TEMPLE	D	D	C-	C	C-	C-	C	C-
TENNESSEE	C	B+	C+	C	C	C	C	B
TEXAS	C+	B	C	B	C	C	B+	C
TEXAS A&M	C	A	C+	A-	C+	B+	B	C+
TEXAS CHRISTIAN	C	C+	B-	C	C+	C	B	C
TEXAS-EL PASO	C+	C	C	D+	C	B-	C	C
TEXAS TECH	C	C	B-	B	C+	C	B	C
TOLEDO	C	C-	C	C-	C	D	C-	C
TULANE	D	C	C	C-	C-	C-	C	C-
TULSA	C-	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
UCLA	C-	A-	C+	B+	B	B	B+	B
UTAH	C+	C	C+	C+	C-	C-	C-	C
UTAH STATE	D+	D	C-	C	C-	C-	C	C-
VANDERBILT	C+	C	C+	C	C-	C+	C+	C
VIRGINIA	C	C+	B+	C+	C+	C	C	C+
VIRGINIA TECH	C	B-	C	C	C-	C+	C	C+
WAKE FOREST	C	C-	C	C	C-	C	B	C
WASHINGTON	A+	A	C	B-	B-	A-	A+	B+
WASHINGTON STATE	B+	C+	A	C	C	C+	C	C-
WEST VIRGINIA	C	C+	C	C	C	C+	C	C
WESTERN MICHIGAN	C+	C-	C-	C	D	C-	C	C
WISCONSIN	C	C	C+	C+	C+	B-	C	C+
WYOMING	C-	C+	C	C	C+	C	C	C

top out, they're crippled classes, numerically by quality, by the NCAA penalty."

Jones and his staff signed 10 junior college players last winter. They also added a player from Long Beach State when that school elected to drop its football program.

While Jones was delighted with that huge haul, he said he isn't finished. By the time the Cowboys open fall camp in late August, Jones said several more junior college players could be in the fold.

"Some of the better talent in the country are guys who won't get out of junior college until this summer," Jones said. "We're still fishing around a little bit and we could end up with four more players if we find the right guys."

The major drawback in Jones' junior-college plan is availability. Only six of the transfers were in uniform for spring ball; the other four had academic work to complete before they could head to Stillwater.

That means Jones could have up to eight junior college players in the lineup for the first game who weren't even on campus until the first week of fall camp.

"Ideally, you would have liked to have had them all in here early," Jones said. "But we'll have time to get the others ready."

"And we're encouraged by what we've seen so far from these junior college guys. There's no question that we've helped ourselves physically, and we'll get even better when we get that second wave of junior college transfers in here."

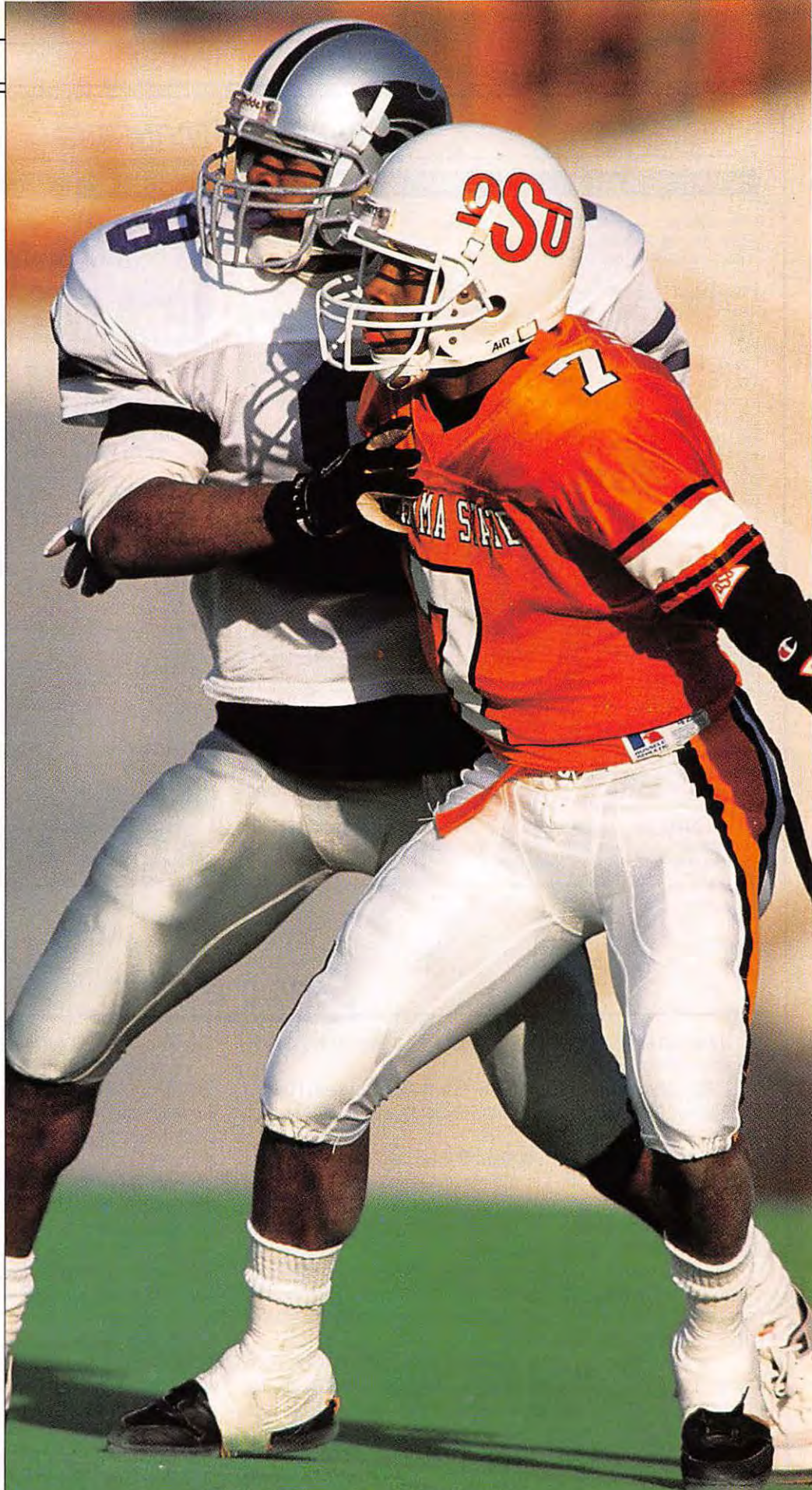
Although he has six starters back on both sides of the ball, Jones has shuffled some players in an effort to get his best athletes on the field.

The offensive line and quarterback were the two areas targeted as needing an instant infusion of junior college talent.

With last season's starting quarterback, Brent Scott, gone because of academic problems, Jones went after as many signal callers as he could find. He thinks he scored

Split end Bert Milliner is the Cowboys' most dangerous receiver. The 5-7, 160-pound package of excitement earned honorable mention all-conference honors last year after he caught 47 passes for 631 yards and three touchdowns.

JOHN WILLIAMSON



COWBOYS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Brian BEST OL	6-3, 260	Sapulpa	Northeastern A&M
Tulsa World All-State pick as high school senior... Played in the Oil Bowl... One of 10 new transfers on the team.			
Keith BURNS LB	6-2, 235	Navarro, TX	Navarro JC
Junior college All-American... Rated one of the nation's top juco strong side linebackers.			
Derek CHAPMAN QB	6-4, 215	Chula Vista, CA	Southwestern College
Was the Cowboys' No. 1 quarterback in the spring... Was All-League twice in high school and the Player-of-the-Year as a senior... Named Academic All-America last year by <i>JC Grid Wire</i> .			
Jitu CRIDDLE DB	6-1, 185	Houston, TX	Madison
Top 100 list in Texas... Had 43 unassisted tackles, 24 assists and 4 interceptions as a senior... Also broke up 7 passes... All-District pick.			
Buddy DEESE DL	6-4, 250	Deer Park, TX	Deer Park
Two-year All-District pick... <i>Blue Chip</i> All-American... Member of Texas Top 100 list... Member of Top 50 in Greater Houston area.			
Trent FISHER QB	5-11, 175	Putnam City	North
The <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> Back-of-the-Year... MVP in state championship game... Jim Thorpe Defensive Player-of-the-Year in Oklahoma... Threw for 1,314 yards and 14 TDs, with only one interception... Rushed 139 times for 771 yards.			
Lee GILCREST OL	6-5, 265	Waco, TX	Cisco JC
All-Conference as an offensive tackle... Attended Robinson High School.			
Jay GROSFELD DT	6-4, 240	Dumas, TX	Dumas
All-District... Played tight end on offense and tackle on defense... Member of Texas Panhandle Super Team... Recorded 112 tackles and 18 sacks as a senior... Had 21 tackles for losses.			
Shane HUDSON OL	6-6, 280	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach State
Transferred to Oklahoma State after Long Beach State's program was dropped... Enrolled in time to participate in spring drills.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Andy LOVELAND QB	6-2, 210	San Pasqual, CA	Palomar JC
Rated as one of the top four junior college QBs in the country... Will enroll in the fall... Three-year letterman at San Pasqual High.			
Alan ORTS OL	6-3, 275	Virginia Beach, VA	NW Mississippi CC
All-Region selection as a sophomore... Second-team All-America pick as a senior at Kempsville High... Also was an All-American pick as a prep wrestler... Born in Puerto Rico.			
Roger PFEIFFER QB	6-5, 195	Yukon	Yukon
Suffered a season-ending injury in first game of high school year... As a junior, passed for 1,025 yards... High school totals were 2,500 passing yards and 23 TDs... Rushed for 328 yards and 4 TDs as a junior.			
Gary PORTER QB	6-2, 190	Tomball, TX	Tomball
Career totals were 3,240 passing yards and 28 TDs... Won numerous honors after his senior season.			
Steve SAYLES WR	5-9, 179	Bartlesville	Bartlesville
All-State and <i>Blue Chip</i> selection... Oil Bowl selection... Caught 116 passes for 1,852 yards and 21 TD in his career... Returned 6 punts for TD... Had more than 1,300 all-purpose yards as a senior... Regional long jump champ.			
Elbert SINGLETON WR	6-2, 210	Newport News, VA	Butler County CC
Second-team All-Conference for bowl champ Butler County last year... Caught 28 passes for 632 yards and 7 TDs... Attended Ferguson High School in <i>Newport News</i> .			
Gabe TRIONFI OL	6-3, 300	Ontario, Canada	Burlington
Was eligible to enroll at OSU for the spring semester and participate in spring drills.			
Scott TYNER P	6-0, 185	Edgewood, TX	Trinity Valley JC
Junior college All-American last year... Second in the NJCAA with an average of 43 yards per kick... In high school, he was perfect on 75 extra points... Kicked 10 field goals in high school.			

SPRING UPDATE

Head coach Pat Jones made several changes on his coaching staff during the off-season.

With the retirement of Bill Shimek, Lawton (Okla.) Eisenhower high school coach Tim Reynolds was hired to coach the running backs.

Southern Mississippi assistant Bill Michael joined the OSU staff and will work with the offensive tackles and tight ends. Michael was formerly an assistant at Oklahoma from 1967-72.

Denver Johnson, the offensive line coach last year, will work this season with the centers and guards.

Bruce Cowdrey was brought in as the Pokes' recruiting coordinator. A former graduate assistant under Jones, Cowdrey had coached at Northwestern and Purdue before joining Toronto of the Canadian Football League.

The OSU coaching staff also went to Toronto to sign Gabe Trionfi, a 6-foot-3, 300-pound offensive lineman. Trionfi was able to enter school for the spring semester after graduating from high school at midterm.

When Oklahoma State travels to Michigan on Sept. 19 to face the Wolverines, the Cowboys could play in front of a record crowd since Michigan has expanded its stadium from 101,000 to

103,000. The OSU game is the home opener for Michigan.

Linebacker George Bright, an outstanding prospect two years ago before he encountered academic problems, has returned to the team after attending a junior college last season. Bright, who started as a freshman, missed most of the spring because of an ankle sprain.

Richie Ansley, who saw heavy duty at linebacker last season, attended Navarro (Texas) Junior College in the spring and summer in an attempt to regain his eligibility.

As part of his five-point plan to turn the program around, Jones planned to make \$40,000 in locker room renovations. He also said subtle changes would be made in the stripes and numbers on the team uniforms.

Strong safety Jay Fleischman and offensive lineman Rodrick Arthur sat out the spring to recover from injuries. Both players were granted medical redshirts in order to compete for a fifth season after suffering severe knee injuries early in their senior seasons.

Jason Bufford, a redshirt linebacker from the small town of Crescent, Okla., had an impressive spring. The 6-foot, 250-pound Bufford is contending for a starting job at middle linebacker.

big when he signed two California junior college players.

Andy Loveland of Palomar Junior College was rated by one recruiting service as the third best junior college quarterback prospect in the nation after he was the national juco leader in completions (243 of 405) and yards (3,227).

But Loveland was one of those transfers who wasn't scheduled to enroll at OSU until fall.

That left spring practice in the hands of the other junior college signee — Derek Chapman, a transfer from Southwestern Junior College in San Diego.

A 6-foot-4, 215-pound Chapman made steady progress throughout the spring. He completed 14 of 25 passes for 171 yards and five touchdowns in the final scrimmage, but also suffered three interceptions.

"The guy does some pretty good things," Jones said. "He's a little more trustable than anything I've seen around here lately."

Jones isn't ready to hand the starting job to Chapman, however. He intends to take a long look at Loveland, along with redshirts Jay White and Alex Goodpaster and incoming freshman Gary Porter of Tomball, Texas, before he names a starter for the Sept. 5 opener against Indiana State.

No matter who Jones settles on, the Cowboys should improve over last year's offensive performance. In 1991, OSU ranked last among Division I-A schools in scoring, producing just 12 touchdowns the entire season.

Part of the reason the Cowboys sputtered on offense was the fact that Jones elected to play freshmen at tailback, including prep All-American Rafael Denson.

Although Denson struggled at times because of injuries that sidelined him for three games, he still finished with 569 yards on 150 carries.

"Denson compared favorably with what Thomas and Sanders did as freshmen," Jones said. "There's no question that he's a quality guy. We're more than a little encouraged with his play."

The 5-foot-8 Denson weighed just 159 pounds when he reported last fall. But a winter in the weight room bulked him up to 175. He used the added pounds to sparkle in the spring, going over 100 yards in nearly every scrimmage.

Tailback is one of the Cowboys' deepest positions. In addition to Denson,

Jones can count on Russell Berrien, Mark Williams and Kelly Yancy.

"A year ago at this time, we had zero experience at tailback — Zero," Jones said. "Although it's still fairly inexperienced, I feel much better. There's a lot of depth, and the competition has been pretty keen."

Roger Franks returns at fullback after a solid sophomore season. The 6-foot, 245-pounder provides the majority of the blocking for the tailbacks.

"Roger Franks had about as good a year offensively as anybody we had a year ago," Jones said.

Depth and experience also will be evident at the receiver positions.

Jones has four tight ends he can call on, starting with 6-3, 235-pound junior Steve Keith. Keith will have to battle to hold on to the No. 1 job, with Derek Jones, Scott Copeland and Scott Waterbury all still in the picture.

Flanker Mark Cheatwood, the son of former OSU All-American defensive back Harry Cheatwood, caught 18 balls for 230 yards as a redshirt freshman.

Split end Bert Milliner is the Cowboys' most dangerous receiver. The 5-7, 160-pound package of excitement earned honorable mention all-conference honors last year after he caught 47 passes for 631 yards and three touchdowns.

Although three starters return in the offensive line, Jones was disappointed enough with the performance in that area to sign as many junior college players as he could find.

A bonus in that area was the addition of 6-foot-6, 280-pound transfer Shane Hudson from Long Beach State. Since Long Beach dropped football, Hudson is eligible immediately and will start at left tackle.

Lee Gilchrest, an All-American at Cisco (Texas) Junior College, is slated to back up Hudson. Another transfer, tackle Brian Best, will add much-needed depth after helping Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College win the national title in 1991.

Northwest Mississippi Junior College lineman Allan Orts is another late arrival who is expected to contend for a starting spot when he reports for fall camp.

The returning starters include left guard Anthony Greenlee, center Matt Jose and tackle Mike Butler. Joe Bob Warner won the starting job at right guard in the spring.

Right end Jason Gildon headlines the six returning starters on defense. A 6-

foot-2, 220-pound junior, Gildon was outstanding as a sophomore, turning in 65 tackles and breaking former OSU All-American Leslie O'Neal's school record when he led the Big Eight with 16 sacks.

"Gildon has as much big-play ability as anyone we've had since O'Neal," Jones said.

With all-conference tackle Stacey Satterwhite gone after starting four years, Jones will count on sophomore Andre Thompson and junior Wendell Gaines — two part-time starters at defensive end — to slide inside and anchor the tackle slots.

Gaines, a 6-foot-5, 280-pounder, moves over to the left tackle slot. A Jones favorite, Gaines has the potential to star in the Big Eight.

Strongside linebacker Mike Woolridge returns after leading the team with 85 tackles.

The rest of the linebacking picture won't be settled until after Jones takes a long look at several players in fall camp.

Carlos Erving had a good spring at the weakside linebacker post after moving up from the secondary. Junior college transfer Brian Hamilton adds speed and athletic ability and Keith Burns could become an instant starter when he arrives from Northeastern Oklahoma.

The defense allowed 124.2 yards per game passing last season to go along with the 191.5 yards per game rushing it surrendered, but Jones is encouraged by the experience returning in the secondary.

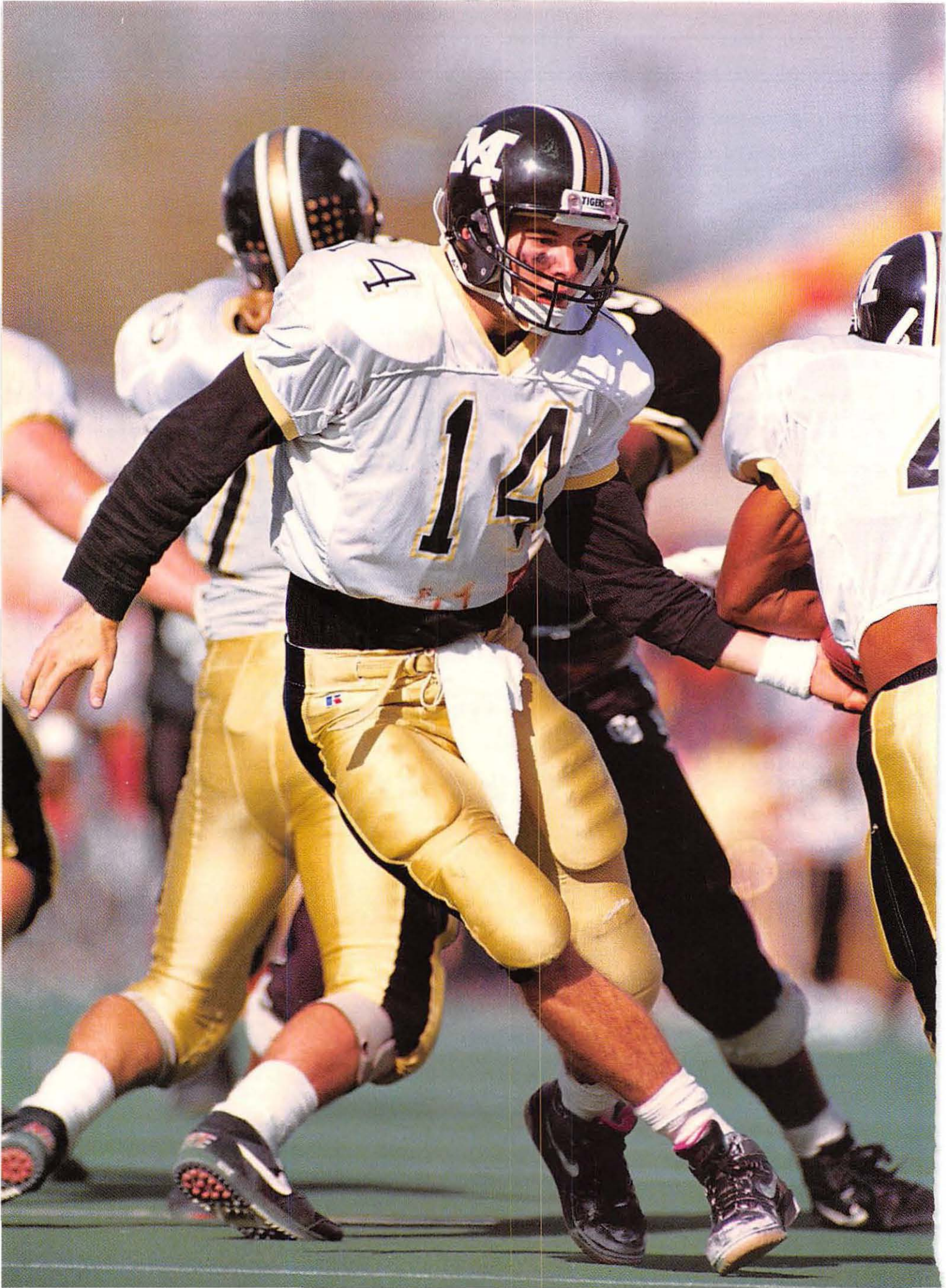
Free safety Scott Harmon tied for tops in the league with six interceptions, while adding 59 tackles. Cornell Cannon returns at strong safety, while Tharon Tircuit moves over to the starting left corner spot after backing up Cannon in 1991.

At right corner, Dmitri Markham will get a solid shot to start along with Todd Fisher. Ricky Myers is back after hitting 7 of 12 field goals and 9 of 10 extra points last year. And punter Scott Tyner demonstrated in spring ball why he earned All-American honors last season at Trinity Valley (Texas) when his 43-yard average ranked second in the nation.

Jones doesn't look at last season as a total bust. The Cowboys came within six seconds and a fake punt of upsetting eventual Big Eight co-champion Colorado.

"We basically have to re-teach all of these guys how to win," Jones said. "But that Colorado game showed them that we can play against good people and compete."

"At times, I thought we played well enough to win last year. But until we prove otherwise, I think you've got to put us at the bottom of the (Big Eight) barrel." □



MISSOURI TIGERS

IMPROVED DEFENSE GIVES MIZZOU NEW HOPE

By SCOTT CAIN



The remains of a 3-7-1 season were still smoldering when Coach Bob Stull addressed the Missouri football program's

progress last November.

Did he feel a sense of urgency for 1992?

"We feel a sense of urgency every year," Stull said. "You can get as urgent as you want to get, but you still have to build a foundation. And you still have to get the right things in place, and you still have to get the experience and the players."

In the fourth year of a five-year contract and seeking his first winning season at Missouri, Stull has assembled the framework of what could be his sturdiest team yet:

- During the off-season, Stull hired a new defensive coordinator with one of the thickest resumes in college football.

- Stull junked the Tigers' read-and-react defense for an "attack" scheme like the one co-national champion Washington uses.

- An experienced offense that includes seven returning starters will operate in MU's conventional pro-set that was scuttled last year because of injuries.

- And Stull is keeping faith that last year's injury deluge, which led to 39 different Tigers starting at least one game, was a freak of nature.

Last year's slide — which included six losses by 24 or more points, a feat never accomplished in 100 previous seasons of Missouri football — elicited vocal discontent from some boosters. The most

Junior Phil Johnson, the incumbent quarterback, set Missouri's single-season total offense record (2,187 yards) as a sophomore and already ranks fifth on the all-time passing list (2,983 yards).

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publicized carping came from Kansas City, where MU alumni share neighborhoods and office space with Kansas and Kansas State alums.

Stull and supporters mended fences during the off-season.

"We're all really on the same page,"

Stull said in March at a well-attended Kansas City booster meeting. "When we don't play well, I feel worse than you do because I have to spend 16 hours a day with it."

"There's nothing wrong with discussion, but let's be positive about the university."

After all, there were more pressing matters to address. For instance, renovating the Tigers' defense, which last year ranked 105th (505 yards per game) among the 106 Division I-A football schools. The

Tigers were 106th in run defense (334.4 yards per game) and allowed a school-record 403 points (36.6 per game). They ended 1991 by yielding an NCAA single-game record 396 yards rushing to Kansas' Tony Sands.

Even after that game, Stull said, "I still think we've got a great group of young guys. Most of the immediate future is still here on campus."

Stull tried to bring the future along a little faster during recruiting by signing seven junior college transfers, of which five were defenders.

But Stull's biggest catch came on March 20, when it was announced that Don Lindsey, 48, would become Missouri's third defensive coordinator in as many years. The 25-year coaching veteran has successfully coordinated defenses at four major programs.

Lindsey's defenses at USC, Georgia Tech, Arkansas and Alabama led their respective conferences or were near the top every year.

"In recruiting, you have blue chips, the top athletes, and we have a term for the very best — we call them difference-makers," Kentucky coach Bill Curry said. "There are a select few coaches like that, too, and Don Lindsey is a difference-maker."

Curry brought Lindsey from Georgia Tech to Alabama in 1987. But by 1989, Curry left, and Lindsey needed a break from coaching. He also wanted to be near his father, who had suffered a heart attack. So Lindsey entered private business in his hometown, Camden, Ark., and took a two-year sabbatical.

By last fall, Lindsey was ready to coach again. Missouri lost offensive line coach Andy Reid to the Green Bay Packers in January, making room for Lindsey. Previous coordinator Larry Hoefler re-

MISSOURI AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Quarterbacks, talent and depth at receivers.

Defensive line.

Possible Weaknesses: Depth along offensive front, overall team speed. Depth and proven talent in secondary.

Players to Watch: Tim Alvarado, OT; Victor Bailey, WR; Will Bass, LB; Mike Bedosky, OG; Maurice Benson, S; Byron Chamberlain, WR; Kenneth Dunn, WR (questionable due to academics); Stacy Elliott, DE; George Hunt, DT; Phil Johnson, QB; Ronnell Kayhill, RB; Rick Lyle, DT; Darryl Major, LB; A.J. Ofodile, TE; Jason Oliver, CB; Mike Ringgenberg, LB; Michael Washington, FB (questionable due to academics).

SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
4	Bo Adams	SS	Fr.	6-0	198	Jefferson City
68	Reagan Allen	OT	Fr.	6-6	288	Enid, OK
	Mark Alnutt	MLB	Fr.	6-1	233	Kansas City
71	Tim Alvarado	OG	Jr.	6-7	276	Blue Springs
50	Russ Appel	OL	Fr.	6-3	250	Hurst, TX
2	Victor Bailey	WR	Sr.	6-4	200	Fort Worth, TX
65	Chris Barrows	OG	Fr.	6-4	269	Plano, TX
56	Brad Bartlett	OG	Sr.	6-3	275	Germantown, TN
79	Mike Bedosky	OG	Jr.	6-5	288	Jefferson City
23	Maurice Benson	SS	Sr.	6-0	197	Manhattan, KS
86	Kyle Black	WR	Fr.	6-0	188	St. Louis
24	Rafael "Tiger" Boyd	TB	Fr.	6-0	185	Sikeston
	Matt Bramon	WR	Fr.	6-2	190	Mexico
9	Earl Brooks	OLB	Jr.	6-0	213	Downey, CA
69	Matt Burgess	C	Jr.	6-3	273	Springfield
70	Tim Burke	DT	Sr.	6-2	276	St. Louis
	Brian Casserilla	DT/P	Fr.	6-2	248	Columbia
83	Byron Chamberlain	WR	Jr.	6-2	236	Fort Worth, TX
43	Darryl Chatman	LB	Fr.	6-1	218	St. Louis
	Robert Clay	DT	Fr.	6-0	235	St. Louis
76	Adam Clark	OL	Fr.	6-5	285	Plano, TX
61	Chuck Cole	LS	Sr.	5-10	220	Jefferson City
96	Tony Cooper	DE	Sr.	6-4	233	Houston, TX
16	Brandon Corso	QB	Fr.	6-2	200	Fairfax, VA
73	Coby Crowl	OT	Sr.	6-4	270	Manhattan, KS
77	Matt Dowil	OT	Fr.	6-6	268	Union, MO
	Royce Duffett	TE	Sr.	6-3	218	Lexington
92	Stacy Elliott	DE	Sr.	6-4	257	Hackensack, NJ
36	Vic Faust	DE	Fr.	6-3	223	Belleville, IL
17	Chip Fields	SS	Jr.	5-9	219	LaMarque, TX
97	Frank Fischer	DE	Fr.	6-5	230	St. Louis
1	Joe Freeman	TB	So.	5-10	183	Richardson, TX
49	Kent Gardner	TE	Sr.	6-3	228	Sugar Creek
27	Jonathan Gott	DB	Fr.	5-11	180	Warsaw
48	Avery Griggs	OLB	Fr.	6-3	214	Pocatello, ID
11	Jeff Handy	QB	So.	6-3	203	Blue Springs
88	Bart Harris	TE	Fr.	6-4	211	Blue Springs
64	Chris Harrison	DT	Jr.	6-4	264	St. Louis
58	Quentin Hayden	DT	Jr.	6-2	265	Sacramento, CA
57	Doug Hembrough	C	Sr.	6-1	270	Springfield, IL
81	Kenny Holly	WR	Jr.	6-0	183	Kansas City, KS
72	George Hunt	DT	Jr.	6-3	270	New Madrid
91	Patrick Ivey	DE	Fr.	6-4	238	Detroit, MI
3	Jeff Jacke	K	Sr.	6-0	190	Richardson, TX
51	Kelly Jackson	DT	Jr.	6-0	260	Santa Ana, CA
5	Mark Jackson	TB	So.	5-9	183	Kirkwood
29	Mike Jadtlot	WR	Jr.	6-5	204	Coppell, TX
31	Antwan Johnson	FB	Fr.	6-1	205	Denison, TX
13	Cedric Johnson	CB	Fr.	5-10	180	Dallas, TX
14	Phil Johnson	QB	Jr.	6-5	205	Springfield
80	Frank Jones	WR	Fr.	5-11	177	Toronto, Ontario
26	Ronnell Kayhill	TB	Sr.	5-9	203	Kansas City
78	Tim Keith	OT	Fr.	6-8	302	Tyler, TX

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
6	Javan Lenhardt	CB	So.	6-1	195	Detroit, MI
85	Bill Lingerfelt	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Kansas City
45	Joe Love	LB	Fr.	6-2	200	Austin, TX
59	Rick Lyle	DT	Jr.	6-6	270	Kansas City
33	Ryan Lyons	TB	So.	5-9	178	Arlington, TX
39	Travis McDonald	OLB	So.	6-2	223	Columbia
15	Kevin McIntosh	CB	So.	6-0	178	Kansas City
	Jay McClain	K	So.	6-2	195	Herculanum
40	Jerome Madison	CB	So.	6-0	183	Denison, TX
	Matt Maier	DT	Fr.	6-3	248	Des Peres
55	Darryl Major	MLB	So.	6-2	238	St. Louis
54	Marcus Martin	DE	Sr.	6-3	232	Birmingham, AL
98	Steve Martin	DT	Fr.	6-5	270	Jefferson City
52	John Mautino	C	Fr.	6-3	278	Lexington
	Shawn Mennenga	OLB	So.	5-11	287	Melbourne, IA
	Scott Mortensen	OLB	Jr.	6-1	215	Dumont, NJ
84	Todd Moss	TE	Jr.	6-6	243	Salina, KS
35	Bryan Murray	FB	Jr.	5-10	218	The Woodlands, TX
87	Matt Murray	DT	So.	6-5	260	Carbondale, IL
95	Lance Noel	OLB	Sr.	6-1	195	Moberly
89	A. J. Ofodile	TE	So.	6-7	248	Detroit, MI
22	Jason Oliver	CB	Jr.	5-11	170	Kansas City
75	Trey O'Neil	OT	So.	6-6	264	Tulsa, OK
74	Rafe Parsons	OG	So.	6-5	326	Dexter
	Scott Patterson	FS	Fr.	6-0	189	Gladstone
53	Ken Payne	DT	Fr.	6-5	260	St. Louis
62	Matt Pearce	OG	Jr.	6-3	266	Springfield
94	Marc Pedrotti	DE	So.	6-4	224	Shawnee Mission, KS
66	Bob Petrus	OG	Sr.	6-5	268	St. Louis
19	Kyle Pooler	K	So.	6-0	186	Phoenix, AZ
47	Mike Ringgenberg	MLB	Sr.	5-4	235	Manhattan, KS
	Chris Robinson	WR	Fr.	5-10	165	Memphis
46	John Safley	MLB	Fr.	6-3	225	California
7	Brian Sallee	OB/WR	So.	6-3	191	Jackson, TN
30	Mike Schief	FB	Sr.	5-11	219	St. Charles
93	Scott Shedden	DT	Fr.	6-6	273	Richland, TX
82	Lou Shepherd	WR	Fr.	6-0	180	Blue Springs
90	Damon Simon	DT	Jr.	6-5	250	San Pablo, CA
67	Gene Snisky	OT	Sr.	6-7	298	Nesquehoning, PA
	Nick Spitzer	FB	So.	6-1	210	St. Louis
	Avery Stemmons	CB	So.	6-0	176	New Orleans, LA
12	Adrian Stewart	WR/DB	Fr.	5-9	175	Chicago, IL
34	Ben Totta	FB	So.	6-1	213	Blue Springs
18	Scott Villarreal	P	Jr.	6-1	220	Glendale, AZ
10	Montana Waggoner	FS	So.	5-11	178	Houston, TX
99	Chris Walls	DE	Fr.	6-3	228	Houston, TX
63	Jon Watkins	DT	Sr.	6-3	263	Louisville, KY
8	Detrick Wells	SS	So.	6-0	228	Paducah, KY
21	Andre White	FS	So.	6-1	185	Monroe City
25	Inmon Wiley	CB	Jr.	6-2	194	Fort Worth, TX
28	Jermaine Wilkins	OLB	Sr.	6-3	199	Columbus, NJ
20	Jerry Wooden	CB	Jr.	5-11	180	Glendale, AZ

TIGERS STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Johnson	311	167	2029	53.7	14	13
Handy	89	48	565	53.9	3	2

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Washington	101	420	4.2	35	2
Freeman	54	267	4.9	44	1
Kayhill	69	186	2.5	15	5

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Chamberlain	39	464	11.9	41	4
Kayhill	32	299	9.3	39	2
Holly	31	399	12.9	51	1
Bailey	29	508	17.5	47	4

TACKLES

Washington (139), Scrivner (70),
Benson (64), Oliver (59),
Reiner (58), Major (57)

INTERCEPTIONS

Lenhardt (2), Reiner (2),
Wilkins (2), Oliver (2)

Coach: Bob Stull

9-23-1, 3 years; 40-50-1 overall, 8 years
1991 Record: 1-6/7th; 3-7-1 overall
Stadium: Faurot Field (62,000)
Lettermen Returning: 51

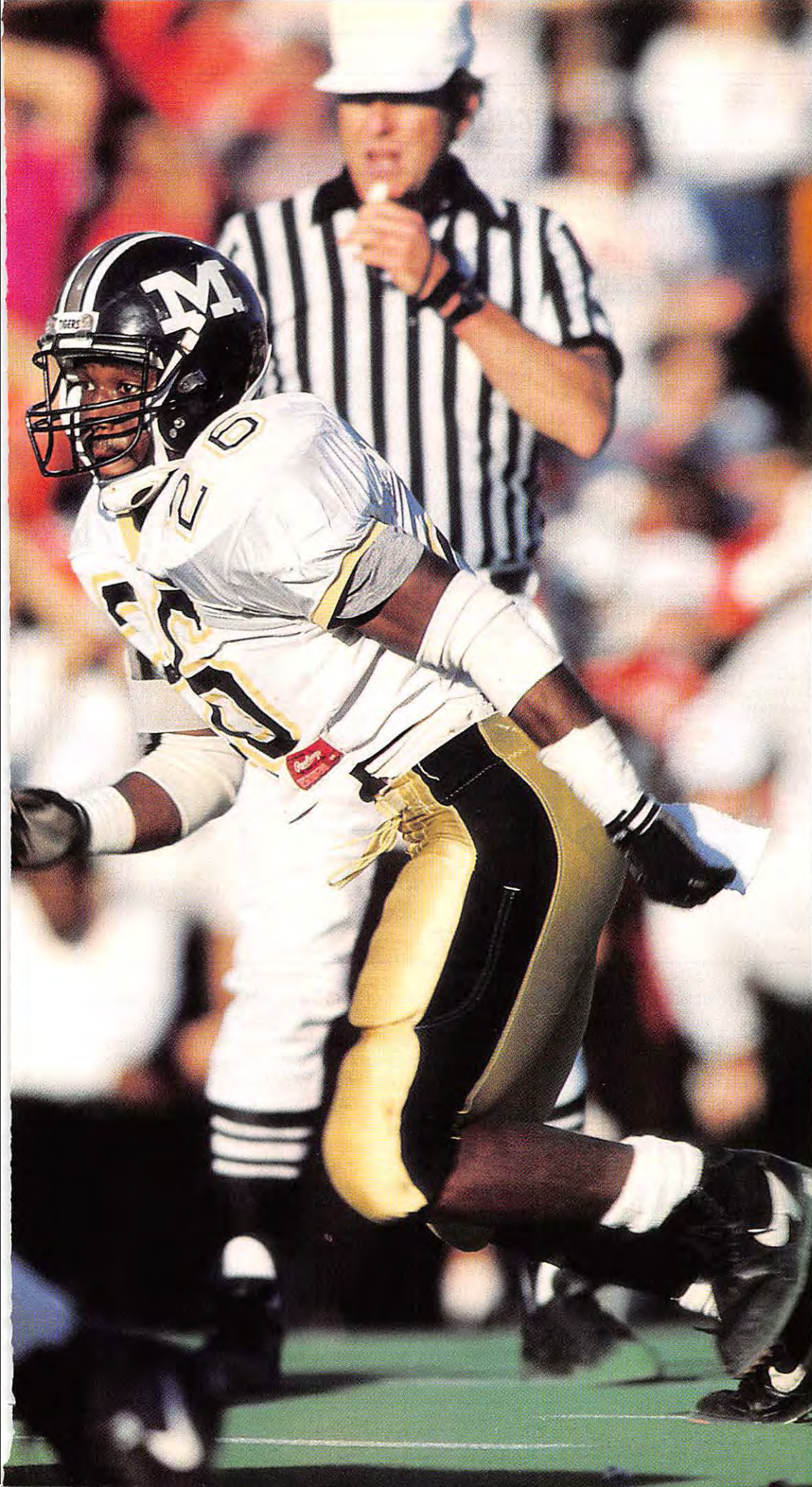
TIGERS OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
14	Phil Johnson*	Junior
11	Jeff Handy	Sophomore
Number	Tailback	Year
26	Ronnell Kayhill*	Senior
1	Joe Freeman	Sophomore
Number	Fullback	Year
30	Mike Schief	Senior
35	Bryan Murray	Junior
Number	Wide Receiver	Year
2	Victor Bailey*	Senior
29	Mike Jadtlot	Junior
Number	Flanker	Year
81	Kenny Holly*	Junior
83	Byron Chamberlain*	Junior
Number	Tight End	Year
89	A.J. Ofodile	Sophomore
84	Todd Moss	Junior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
73	Coby Crowl	Senior
77	Matt Dowil	Freshman
Number	Left Guard	Year
66	Bob Petrus	Senior
71	Tim Alvarado	Junior
Number	Center	Year
57	Doug Hembrough*	Senior
69	Matt Burgess	Junior
Number	Right Guard	Year
79	Mike Bedosky*	Junior
74	Rafe Parsons	Sophomore
Number	Right Tackle	Year
67	Gene Snisky	Senior
75	Trey O'Neil	Sophomore

TIGERS DEFENSE

Number	Defensive End	Year
92	Stacy Elliott*	Senior
87	Matt Murray	Sophomore
Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
59	Rick Lyle*	Junior
63	Jon Watkins	Senior
Number	Nose Tackle	Year
72	George Hunt*	Junior
70	Tim Burke	Senior
Number	Defensive End	Year
94	Marc Pedrotti	Sophomore
96	Tony Cooper	Senior
Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
28	Jermaine Wilkins	Senior
48	Avery Griggs	Freshman
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
47	Mike Ringgenberg	Senior
55	Darryl Major*	Sophomore
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
39	Travis McDonald	Sophomore
9	Earl Brooks	Junior
Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
23	Maurice Benson*	Senior
8	Detrick Wells	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
15	Kevin McIntosh	Sophomore
6	Javan Lenhardt	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
22	Jason Oliver*	Junior
40	Jerome Madison	Sophomore
Number	Free Safety	Year
21	Andre White	Sophomore
10	Montana Waggoner	Sophomore

* Denotes returning starters.



maintained as defensive backs coach and was made assistant head coach.

"The thing Don had was a lot of the keys that unlocked a lot of the stuff we were trying to get," Stull said. "It's one thing to put in a defense; it's another to find out all the little problems and all the little adjustments. He was operating that defense for a number of years."

To familiarize coaches with the new look, defensive coordinators Jim Lambright of the University of Washington and Greg Robinson of the New York Jets visited MU and offered pointers before Lindsey's arrival. Then Lindsey spent the spring teaching the defense and evaluating players.

But his first priority was generating consistent effort from players.

"Does that guarantee we'll win it? Nope," Lindsey said of constant effort. "It's like saying, 'Well look, I guarantee if you shoot par, you'll win golf.' No, you're not necessarily going to win, but if you can shoot par, it will give you a good chance to win."

"We would like to be a defense that, regardless of who we have playing, would force the offense to react to us."

The defense employs multiple formations and stunts, taking an aggressive, many times gambling, approach.

"Basically, the new defense is mayhem," said offensive guard Mike Bedosky. "You don't know which way they're coming."

And it took part of the spring to recognize

Senior Ronnell Kayhill, the most effective offensive player last year before tearing a knee ligament, missed the spring, but is expected back healthy.

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TIGERS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Kyle BLACK <i>WR</i>	5-11, 185	St. Louis	Sumner
Three-year starter on team that won two 4A state titles... Played flanker as a senior, rushing 116 times for 939 yards... Caught 3 passes for 52 yards... Scored 16 touchdowns.			
Tiger BOYD <i>RB</i>	6-0, 185	Sikeston	Sikeston
Class 5A All-State... Three-year starter... Rushed for 1,750 yards and 21 TDs as a senior... Had school-record 259 rushing yards in one game... Southeast Missouri Player-of-the-Year.			
Earl BROOKS <i>LB</i>	6-0, 220	Norwalk, CA	Cerritos College
All-Mission Conference and All-Region IV... Had team-high 84 tackles, 28 solos, and 3 sacks last year... 4.5 speed... Played only two years of high school ball at Pius X in Downey, Calif.			
Darryl CHATMAN <i>LB</i>	6-1, 215	St. Louis	Lutheran North
Played on two state championship teams... Had 166 tackles in his last two seasons... As a senior fullback, rushed for 679 yards, caught 7 passes for 61 yards, and scored 6 TDs.			
Adam CLARK <i>OT</i>	6-5, 270	Plano, TX	Plano
Member of <i>Dallas Morning News</i> ' state Top 100... <i>Associated Press</i> All-State... Named to <i>Super Prep</i> All-Southwest Team... All-Metro... All-District... 5.1 speed.			
Brandon CORSO <i>QB</i>	6-2, 200	Fairfax, VA	W.T. Woodson
Threw for 2,224 yards and 13 TDs as a junior when he set state record with 210 completions... Rated as state's top QB by Tom Lemming and Max Emfinger... Threw for 1,580 yards and 12 TDs in six games before breaking the index finger on his right hand.			
Frank FISCHER <i>DE</i>	6-5, 230	Mehlville	Mehlville
Sixth on <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> 's "10 Most Wanted" list... All-Metro on both offense and defense... Bench-presses 300 pounds... Runs 4.9 40... Set national record for 15-year-olds with 593-pound dead lift.			
Jonathan GOTT <i>DB</i>	5-11, 180	Warsaw	Warsaw
Two-time Class 2A All-State running back... Compiled 7,500 all-purpose yards and 4,900 rushing yards during high school career... 45 rushing TDs his last two seasons... As senior free safety, had 50 tackles and 3 interceptions... 4.5 speed and 38-inch vertical jump.			
Quentin HAYDEN <i>DL</i>	6-2, 265	Sacramento, CA	American River JC
Honorable mention All-American as a sophomore... All-State selection... Will be a junior.			
Kelly JACKSON <i>DL</i>	6-0, 260	Costa Mesa, CA	Orange Coast JC
Second-team All-State pick as a sophomore... Honorable mention All-American... Named Mission Conference defensive Player-of-the-year while at Saddleback High School.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Cedric JOHNSON <i>CB</i>	5-10, 180	Dallas, TX	Roosevelt
Two-time All-District... Had 72 tackles, 4 interceptions and 5 sacks as a senior... Defensive captain... 10.7 speed in the 100, 4.4 in the 40.			
Bill LINGERFELT <i>TE</i>	6-4, 220	Kansas City	Park Hill
Second-team All-State and All-Metro... Caught 24 passes for more than 500 yards and 3 TDs as a senior... Played quarterback until his senior year... Averaged 40.8 yards per punt.			
Joe LOVE <i>LB</i>	6-2, 200	Austin, TX	Del Valle
All-District... All-Central Texas... Leading tackler in Central Texas with 151 his senior year... 4.6 speed.			
Steve MARTIN <i>DT</i>	6-5, 270	Jefferson City	Jefferson City
One of the state's top three prospects, according to Tom Lemming... <i>Super Prep</i> All-Midwest team... <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American... 5.0 speed.			
Todd MOSS <i>TE</i>	6-6, 250	Salina, KS	Garden City JC
Second-team All-Conference as a sophomore... Rated nation's 57th best juco prospect by one juco service... Averaged two catches a game... 4.9 speed.			
Ken PAYNE <i>DT</i>	6-5, 260	St. Louis	Lindbergh
<i>Prep Football Report</i> All-Midlands... Conference MVP lineman... Unanimous All-Conference selection... Set school record with 13 sacks.			
Lou SHEPHERD <i>WR</i>	6-0, 180	Blue Springs	Blue Springs
Played every down as a senior defensive back and wide receiver... Career totals are 159 catches for 2,133 yards and 25 TDs... Two-time All-State and All-Metro... 4.6 speed.			
Damon SIMON <i>DE</i>	6-4, 260	San Pablo, CA	Contra Costa CC
Originally from Richmond, Calif... Also visited Hawaii, Washington State and UNLV.			
Adrian STEWART <i>WR/DB</i>	5-9, 175	Chicago, IL	De La Salle
As a senior quarterback, passed for 907 yards and 8 TDs and rush for 400 yards and 4 TDs... Second-team All-City... Runs 10.8 in the 100, 4.5 in the 40.			
Scott VILLAREAL <i>P</i>	6-1, 220	Glendale, AZ	Glendale CC
Averaged 41.3 yards on 47 punts last year... Ranked fifth nationally... Longest punt was 70 yards... Played one year at Kent State... Attended Deer Valley High in Glendale.			
Jerry WOODEN <i>CB</i>	5-11, 180	Glendale, AZ	Glendale CC
Considered a raw talent... Had the second-fastest 100 time (10.6) among Arizona jucos last year... Has run a 4.5 40... Originally from Independence, Ariz.			

SPRING UPDATE

Phil Johnson's arm became a sore subject by the end of spring ball. The incumbent quarterback suffered a separated shoulder in the 1991 finale against Kansas and did not throw again until opening day of spring practice.

While Coach Bob Stull and offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter pointed out a depreciation in Johnson's arm strength, sophomore backup Jeff Handy was playing like a potential starter. Johnson said his arm was weak early on, but insisted he was near 100 percent the rest of spring.

After Missouri's spring game, Johnson sounded off.

"They make it sound like I'm washed up, done, finished," Johnson said. "They make it sound like Jeff has got the job locked up and I'm just barely holding on. That ain't true."

The best offensive position competition shaping up for August, in Koetter's words, is at quarterback.

Handy relieved Johnson at Kansas and completed 17 of 28 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns. He would be competent and capable as the Tigers' starter, Stull and Koetter said.

Johnson emerged from the spring No. 1, but all sides agreed that two-a-days are when jobs are won and lost.

The Tigers were inundated with injuries last year, but perhaps the best comeback story involved tailback Mark Jackson, who missed 1991, but not because of an injury.

The sophomore returned from a season suspension after his conviction for felony stealing and burglary last summer for which he received five years probation. He returned stronger and as fast as ever with a resolve that he would restore the faith that fans, coaches and teammates had in him.

Jackson worked with the third team all spring, and enters August on the fourth team because starter Ronnell Kayhill is expected back from knee surgery. But Jackson was as impressive as the other ball carriers in three scrimmages and stood out in the spring intrasquad game, rushing 13 times for 122 yards.

"I believe he has a lot to prove to a lot of people," Stull said after the spring game. "But I think it's not something that happens this weekend or next weekend. I think he has a long way to go."

who was coming. Coaches made 12 off-season personnel moves, many of them designed to maximize speed on a defense that returns six starters.

The most notable change was 6-foot-6, 270-pound junior Rick Lyle, who relocated from defensive end to defensive tackle. Lyle missed four games with a stress fracture in his leg last season and was slowed in several other games. Still, coaches believe Lyle is one of the most talented defensive linemen in the Big Eight. Again healthy, the two-year starter's strength and quickness should be better suited to his new spot.

Senior defensive end Stacy Elliott (6-4, 250) will team with Lyle to form a potentially devastating left side. Elliott had 45 tackles and led the team with nine stops behind the line before mononucleosis kept him out of the last two games. He resumed impressive play in the spring.

Coaches are counting on injured players George Hunt, Tim Burke and Matt Murray and junior college transfers Damon Simon, Quentin Hayden and Kelly Jackson to join the line in August. Hunt, a two-year starter; Murray, a sophomore; and Marc Pedrotti should solidify the right side.

Depth, a glaring deficiency in recent years, has improved at linebacker and defensive back.

Darryl Major, a 6-foot-2, 238-pound sophomore, became a force in the middle last year and was named Co-Big Eight Defensive Freshman-of-the-Year. Major (57 tackles) started six games and possesses the kind of mobility that recent Missouri linebackers have lacked.

Major and senior Mike Ringgenberg, a two-year starter outside, competed closely throughout the spring.

Senior Jermaine Wilkins and promising sophomore Travis McDonald hold the outside positions. Junior college transfer Earl Brooks has 4.5 speed and should figure prominently there, too.

Maurice Benson (63 tackles) moved from cornerback to strong safety, where his strong tackling ability can be used more effectively. Andre White had an impressive spring at free safety and was being pushed by Montana Waggoner.

Jason Oliver returned at left cornerback, while sophomores Kevin McIntosh and Jevan Lenhardt battled on the right side.

"We, over the last couple of years, have not had a lot of true corner-type guys," Stull said. "We've gotten better cover guys and more speed at linebacker."

For all of the defense's faults last

year, one of its biggest problems was largely overlooked — the offense.

Injuries left the Tigers without effective tight ends or fullbacks, so they rarely used any. Suddenly, a team whose offense depended on multiple formations, became predictable. MU spread the field with three- and four-receiver sets and watched its per-game scoring average drop from 25.3 in 1990 to 20.3 in 1991. Unable to consistently sustain drives, the offense left the defense on the field an average of 34 minutes per game.

"We looked like we were in the two-minute offense the whole time," Stull said.

Missouri led the league in passing (241.9 yards per game), but was last in rushing (107.3 yards per game).

An off-season later, tight end appears solid with heralded sophomore A.J. Ofodile and junior college transfer Todd Moss available. Mike Schlef returned from a broken foot to join Antwan Johnson at fullback. If Michael Washington conditions his grades and his body, he could strengthen the fullback picture.

Stabilizing tight end and fullback allowed Missouri to resume its two-back, one-tight end, pass-oriented offense that ranked 22nd nationally in 1990 (410 yards per game) and 58th last year (349 yards per game).

The strengths: quarterback and wide receiver.

Junior Phil Johnson, the incumbent quarterback, set Missouri's single-season total offense record (2,187 yards) as a sophomore and already ranks fifth on the all-time passing list (2,983 yards). But Johnson separated his shoulder on the second play of the season finale against Kansas, and Jeff Handy completed 17 of 28 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns in relief.

Handy was sharp during the spring and is able if Johnson falters.

Also crowding the position is Brian Sallee, who has become a more effective and patient passer.

"I don't think there's any place on the team where we're as deep with three players," offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter said.

The receivers are pretty close.

Veterans Victor Bailey, Byron Chamberlain and Kenny Holly return. Bailey was second-team All-Big Eight and Chamberlain honorable mention, despite both players missing significant time because of injuries. Both are healthy again.

They'll get help from speedster Frank Jones, converted 6-foot-5 safety Mike Jadlot

and Sallee, who has 4.46 speed.

With a capable passing crew secured, much of the spring emphasis was on the anemic running game. Tailbacks Joe Freeman, Ryan Lyons and Mark Jackson had impressive springs. Senior Ronnell Kayhill, the most effective offensive player last year before tearing a knee ligament, missed the spring, but is expected back healthy.

The backs will run behind a line that includes center Doug Hembrough, guards Bedosky and Bob Petrus, and tackles Gene Snisky, Tim Alvarado and Coby Cowl. Hembrough and Bedosky are returning starters.

Bedosky, who was second-team All-Big Eight last year, dropped from 305 to 285 pounds in the winter. He said he improved his speed without compromising his strength.

Bedosky is not all that has changed on the line. The blockers are using a new scheme.

"Last year, we did a drop step, take a small step backwards, let the defense react and then start pushing one way," Hembrough said. "This year, it's more of a lateral, up-field step ... a little more smash mouth."

Jeff Jacke and Kyle Pooler will compete for kicking duties, and Missouri signed junior college punter Scott Villarreal, who averaged 42 yards per kick last year.

If Missouri is to have its first winning season since 1983, it will have to do so against a schedule Stull calls his toughest in four years. MU opens at Illinois, hosts Texas A&M, then plays at Indiana, a team that is 5-0-2 against MU in the last seven years.

Then Missouri plays 1991 Division I-AA runner-up Marshall and Big Eight opponent Colorado within five days.

The CU game marks the first meeting between the two teams on Faurot Field since the infamous "Fifth-Down Game" in 1990. The Buffaloes were mistakenly awarded an extra down, on which they scored the winning touchdown on the game's final play. It was the closest Missouri has come in Stull's tenure to beating one of the Big Eight's Big Three. Most of those losses have been brutal blowouts.

New season, new hope.

"I think there's a different attitude about the whole thing," Bedosky said. "We put all that behind us. A lot of younger kids are stepping up, and the older kids are showing leadership, something we've lacked sometimes in the past."

Maybe Missouri finally has all the tools it needs. □

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

NEW WORD AT KANSAS: OPTIMISM

BY GARY BEDORE



A pair of T-shirts, more than anything else, tell the tale of last year's football season at Kansas.

"Kansas Football is a Winner" was the inscription on

pullovers distributed after KU's convincing 53-29 season-ending win over Missouri.

That victory assured Kansas its first winning season in a decade.

Celebration ceased a few weeks AFTER the 6-5 campaign ended however, when "16-12" fashion-wear was draped over the necks of KU's players.

Sixteen-to-12 was the score of the Jayhawks' painful loss to State rival Kansas State.

Leading 12-3 with 10 minutes left, KU had the ball fourth and one on the Wildcat 15-yard line. Quarterback Chip Hilleary's pass to Kenny Drayton was intercepted in the end zone, and the fired-up Wildcats went on to win.

The Jayhawks not only blew a sizable lead in that game, but also squandered spreads against Virginia, Nebraska and Colorado.

One win in those four games and the Jayhawks would have spent the off-season modeling designer T-shirts purchased at a December or January bowl game.

"1991 was a very good season. It could have been a great season, but it wasn't," said Coach Glen Mason, 14-29-1 through four years at KU.

"After the season, after recruiting was over, I went back and looked at film. I was amazed. I said to our coaches, 'I'm sure glad no one accused me of throwing games.' I'd hate to have to go to court, put that film on, and have to justify it. We messed 'em up," Mason exclaimed.

Still, the 42-year-old coach realizes a winning season at KU is a positive.

"We've not arrived, but we took a monumental step. We went from a loser to a winner. We got rid of the stigma," he said.

"I'll always remember my first year here. There was an article that said football should be abolished in Kansas. There's been a big change in attitude and perception of the program since then."

True, KU fans now consider football more than a diversion leading up to basketball season.

In fact, expectations are rising to the point that fans expect a bowl game this season. Yes, a bowl game, despite the fact NCAA single-game rushing record holder Tony Sands — who can forget his 58-carry, 396-yard effort against Missouri? — has used up his eligibility.

KANSAS AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Defensive line considered among the game's best. Linebacker, quarterback and kicking game.

Possible Weaknesses: Depth along offensive line and among receivers. Secondary.

Players to Watch: Hassan Bailey, LB; Khristopher Booth, OT; Gilbert Brown, DT; Don Davis, LB; Maurice Douglas, RB; Dan Eichloff, P/PK; Chad Fette, TE; Steve Harvey, LB; Chip Hilleary, QB; Rob Licursi, WR; Keith Loneker, OT; Kyle Moore, DT; Mike Steele, DT; Dana Stubblefield, DT; George White, RB; Sylvester Wright, LB.

"I firmly believe there's no one on our schedule we can't compete against and beat," Mason said.

That includes Oklahoma, a team that punted Kansas, 41-3, last year; Nebraska, a squad that wiped out a 17-0 deficit and won, 59-23; plus Colorado, 30-24 that drove 80 yards in the final two minutes to pull out the win on a snowy day in Boulder.

"That's right, anybody," Mason added defiantly.

To improve on last year's record and have a chance against the three league powers, KU must find a replacement for Sands, the school's all-time rushing leader.

"I'll miss the guy," Mason said. "He was a lot of fun to coach. Tony set the tone for the offense, really for the whole team as far as toughness and competitive spirit. Players fight to gain respect and I don't know if anybody did more to gain that respect than Tony Sands."

"We do have running backs with the ability to take us where we want to go," he added optimistically.

Possible tailback replacements include George White, Chaka Johnson, Maurice Douglas and Terence Mays.

White, a junior, and Johnson, a senior, have spent the last two seasons as Sands' backups. White gained 214 yards last year, while Johnson had a pair of 100-yard outings in 1990. Douglas is a senior who redshirted last season.

Mays was one of 19 freshmen that Mason held out of competition last fall.

Another possible replacement is Darwin Anderson, a Florida signee who didn't qualify for a scholarship and enrolled at Kansas on his own last fall.

Under center again will be Chip Hilleary, who threw a league-low six touchdown passes during an erratic junior campaign.

JOHN WILLIAMSON



SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
78	Mark Allison	DT	Fr.	6-3	280	Minneapolis
7	Hassan Bailey	OLB	Sr.	6-0	200	Gahanna, OH
83	Greg Ballard	WR	So.	6-3	180	Lawrence
62	Chris Banks	OG	Fr.	6-1	265	Lexington, MO
82	Terry Bell	WR	Jr.	6-0	165	Tampa, FL
4	Marlin Blakeney	CB	Fr.	5-11	175	Leavenworth
45	Spencer Bonner	DB	Fr.	5-11	180	Oak Park, IL
76	Kristopher Booth	OT	So.	6-3	275	Detroit, MI
22	Charley Bowen	SS	Sr.	5-10	190	Lawrence
28	Doug Bowen	FB	So.	6-2	225	Parsons
94	Darnell Britt	LB	So.	6-2	230	Detroit, MI
93	Gilbert Brown	DT	Sr.	6-2	305	Detroit, MI
16	Kharon Brown	QB	Fr.	6-2	180	Brooklyn, NY
19	Jason Burritt	QB	Fr.	6-6	195	Lansing
10	Todd Caudle	FS	Jr.	6-0	175	Bendena
1	Dwayne Chandler	TE	Jr.	6-2	230	McPherson
99	Brian Christian	DE	Jr.	6-3	260	Detroit, MI
30	David Converse	CB	Jr.	6-0	190	Claremore, OK
33	Monte Cozzens	FB	Sr.	5-10	225	Westerville, OH
39	Don Davis	OLB	So.	6-1	205	Olathe
13	Van Davis	QB	So.	6-0	200	Lakewood, CO
26	Maurice Douglas	RB	Sr.	5-10	195	Columbus, OH
79	Steve Douglas	C	So.	6-1	260	Kansas City
31	Dan Eichloff	PK/P	Jr.	6-0	215	Fort Lauderdale, FL
37	Clint Eskam	OLB	Fr.	6-2	210	Cimarron
	Derek Fairchild	LB	Fr.	6-1	190	St. Louis, MO
87	Chad Fette	TE	Jr.	6-3	235	Parkville, MO
15	Nate Fiorelli	QB	Jr.	6-3	200	Chicago, IL
	Ryan Foy	WR	Fr.	5-7	145	Hutchinson
5	Matt Gay	WR	Sr.	5-11	185	Chicago, IL
27	James Givens	FS	So.	6-4	175	Houston, TX
	Todd Hand	QB	So.	6-4	190	Overland Park
	Jay Harper	SS	Fr.	6-2	188	Frankfort
29	Harold Harris	OLB	So.	6-0	195	Lawrence
84	Rodney Harris	TE	So.	6-5	205	Kansas City
52	Steve Harvey	LB	So.	6-3	230	Leavenworth
66	Hessley Hempstead	OG	So.	6-1	285	Upland, CA
18	Chip Hilleary	QB	Sr.	6-1	185	Westerville, OH
41	Dick Holt	LB	Fr.	6-3	215	Wichita
63	Joe Hornback	C	Fr.	6-2	275	Des Moines, IA
90	Guy Howard	DE	Jr.	6-3	230	Detroit, MI
43	Brandon Johnson	DE	Fr.	6-1	270	Carson, CA

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
20	Chaka Johnson	RB	Sr.	6-0	200	Detroit, MI
98	Daryl Jones	DT	Fr.	6-2	265	Wichita
69	John Jones	OG	So.	6-2	265	Los Angeles, CA
54	Rod Jones	DE	Fr.	6-3	265	Detroit, MI
	Reid Ketteler	WR	Fr.	6-5	200	Leavenworth
8	Kwamie Lassiter	FS	Jr.	6-1	185	Newport News, VA
81	Rob Licursi	WR	Sr.	6-0	200	Strongsville, OH
70	Trace Liggett	OG	Jr.	6-1	265	Massillon, OH
74	Keith Loneker	OT	Sr.	6-3	305	Roselle Park, NJ
13	David Mack	FS	Jr.	6-0	180	Los Angeles, CA
59	Dave Marcum	C	Sr.	6-1	260	Great Bend
72	Chris Maumalanga	DT	Jr.	6-2	275	Hawthorne, CA
25	Terence Mays	RB	Fr.	5-9	180	Detroit, MI
3	Gerald McBurrows	CB	So.	5-11	180	Detroit, MI
50	Robert Mitchell	OLB	Sr.	6-1	235	Canton, OH
67	Ty Moeder	DE	Jr.	6-3	230	Wichita
96	Kyle Moore	DE	Sr.	6-3	250	Newark, NJ
85	Ron Morgan	TE	Fr.	6-3	220	Olathe
11	Ron Page	WR	Sr.	6-1	190	Columbus, OH
60	Michael Paul	OT	Fr.	6-4	255	Tampa, FL
95	Kevin Polian	DE	Fr.	6-4	235	Wichita
57	Bret Pomrenke	OLB	Jr.	6-2	220	Grand Junction, CO
32	Chris Powell	FB	So.	5-11	210	Kansas City, MO
36	Jerry Powell	RB	Fr.	5-9	165	Dallas, TX
9	Asheiki Preston	QB	So.	6-1	180	Fort Lauderdale, FL
51	Tyler Quast	LB	So.	6-2	195	Hinsdale, IL
68	Brian Rodeno	OT	Fr.	6-5	255	Castle Rock, CO
86	Marlon Sanders	WR	So.	6-3	185	St. Louis, MO
75	Dan Schmidt	C	Jr.	6-1	265	Lenexa
80	Ashaundai Smith	WR	Fr.	5-6	150	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
46	Chris Smith	DB	So.	5-11	190	Wichita
88	Jason Stallman	TE	Sr.	6-3	230	Yorkville, IL
71	Dana Stubblefield	DT	Sr.	6-3	280	Cleves, OH
40	Wes Swinford	FB	Sr.	6-1	225	Morrison, OK
35	Larry Thiel	LB	Jr.	6-3	225	Englewood, CO
12	Fredrick Thomas	QB	So.	6-0	180	Houston, TX
92	Pete Vang	TE	Jr.	6-3	230	Wichita
38	Robert Vaughn	CB	Jr.	6-0	190	Yorkville, IL
2	George White	RB	Jr.	5-10	170	Allen, TX
91	Brent Willeford	OLB	So.	6-4	230	Denver, CO
97	Sylvester Wright	OLB	So.	6-2	235	Detroit, MI

JAYHAWKS STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Hilleary	188	98	1267	52.1	6	5
Fiorelli	39	14	195	35.8	0	1

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Sands	273	1442	5.2	57	9
Hilleary	93	400	4.3	34	14
Robben	91	316	3.4	13	2

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Drayton	34	439	12.9	43	3
Chandler	18	345	19.2	50	2
Gay	17	232	13.6	49	0
New	14	160	11.4	31	1

TACKLES

Terry (93), Bailey (78),
Stubblefield (77), Harvey (76),
Friday (72), Hill (52)

INTERCEPTIONS

Hill (4), Vaughn (3),
Bailey (2), Harvey (1)

Coach: Glen Mason

14-29-1, 4 years; 26-39-1 overall, 6 years
1991 Record: 3-4/5th; 6-5 overall
Stadium: Memorial (50,250)
Lettermen Returning: 39

JAYHAWKS OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
18	Chip Hilleary*	Junior
12	Fredrick Thomas	Junior
Number	Tailback	Year
26	Maurice Douglas	Senior
20	Chaka Johnson	Senior
Number	Fullback	Year
33	Monte Cozzens	Senior
32	Chris Powell	Sophomore
Number	Left Tackle	Year
76	Kristopher Booth	Sophomore
54	Rod Jones	Freshman
Number	Right Tackle	Year
74	Keith Loneker*	Senior
68	Brian Rodeno	Freshman
Number	Left Guard	Year
66	Hessley Hempstead*	Sophomore
62	Chris Banks	Freshman
Number	Right Guard	Year
69	John Jones	Sophomore
70	Trace Liggett	Junior
Number	Center	Year
75	Dan Schmidt	Junior
59	Dave Marcum	Senior
Number	Tight End	Year
1	Dwayne Chandler*	Junior
87	Chad Fette	Junior
Number	Planker	Year
81	Rob Licursi	Senior
80	Ashaundai Smith	Freshman
Number	Wide Receiver	Year
5	Matt Gay*	Senior
83	Greg Ballard	Sophomore

JAYHAWKS DEFENSE

Number	Left End	Year
97	Sylvester Wright	Sophomore
96	Kyle Moore*	Senior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
72	Chris Maumalanga	Junior
93	Gilbert Brown	Senior
Number	Right Tackle	Year
71	Dana Stubblefield*	Senior
78	Mark Allison	Freshman
Number	Right End	Year
90	Guy Howard	Junior
67	Ty Moeder	Junior
Number	Left Outside Linebacker	Year
39	Don Davis*	Sophomore
37	Clint Eskam	Freshman
Number	Right Outside Linebacker	Year
7	Hassan Bailey*	Senior
29	Harold Harris	Sophomore
Number	Middle Linebacker	Year
51	Steve Harvey*	Sophomore
41	Dick Holt	Freshman
Number	Left Cornerback	Year
38	Robert Vaughn*	Junior
45	Spencer Bonner	Freshman
Number	Free Safety	Year
8	Kwamie Lassiter	Junior
27	James Givens	Sophomore
Number	Strong Safety	Year
4	Marlin Blakeney	Freshman
22	Charley Bowen	Senior
Number	Right Cornerback	Year
3	Gerald McBurrows	Sophomore
30	David Converse	Junior

* Denotes returning starters.



Anderson had knee surgery in the off-season and didn't participate in spring drills.

"All indications are he'll be ready, but he's got to make his grades just like everybody else," Mason said.

Douglas could emerge as the featured back.

"He started two years ago at full-back. I remember watching him run over people. I can't wait to have Maurice Douglas running behind me," said senior tackle Keith Loneker, who also will block for fullback Monte Cozzens, a prep teammate of Hilleary, who Mason said resembles "a bowling ball."

Loneker, who has started 22 straight games, leads the offensive line. Other returning starters are sophomore guard Hessley Hempstead and junior center Dan Schmidt. Standout guard Scott Imwalle won't be back for his senior season because of a neck injury he suffered in the Nebraska game.

Sophomore John Jones and junior Trace Liggett will replace Imwalle, while the vacant left tackle spot will go to either sophomore Khristopher Booth or redshirt freshman Brian Rodeno.

Under center again will be Hilleary, who threw a league-low six touchdown passes during an erratic junior campaign.

He did rush for 14 touchdowns — five more than Sands — and threw for 1,267 yards.

He's poised to become the first quarterback in KU history to pass career totals of 3,000 yards passing and 1,000 rushing.

"Chip Hilleary's mother got mad at me last year because I said Chip doesn't throw well. He doesn't run well. He's just a good quarterback," Mason explained.

"That's wrong. Chip throws just great. He runs just great. The only thing Chip lacks now is consistency.

"Chip plays better against our big-time opponents more than the other people. He's always finished fast. He's got to start fast this year."

For what it's worth, Hilleary says he's ready. The Westerville, Ohio native received a wake-up call last year in the form of a one-game benching following the Kansas State loss. Hilleary returned as starter the following week.

"I took an emotional punch in the jaw against Iowa State when coach put Nate Florell in there," Hilleary said of the Chicago junior. "It helped me. I found my-

6-foot-2, 305-pound senior Gilbert Brown is a potential All-Star tackle.

JOHN WILLIAMSON

JAYHAWKS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Mike ARBANAS OL	6-6, 290	Calumet City, IL	Thornwood
Two-year letterman on the line... Considered a late bloomer... Named by one scouting serving as one of the top 30 high school players in Illinois.			
Dorian BREW WR	5-11, 170	Florissant, MO	McCluer North
North All-District as a wide receiver and defensive back... Second-team All-State... Caught 34 passes for 450 yards and 5 TDs... Averaged 21.0 yards on returns... Handled team's punting... Had 44 tackles and 4 interceptions as DB.			
Jason BROWN DL	6-4, 220	Stanley	Blue Valley
All-State selection by <i>Topeka Capital-Journal</i> ... 3-year letterman... Selected for 1992 Kansas Shrine Bowl... 2-year basketball letterman... Student body president.			
Kiley BROWN WR	6-2, 200	Dallas, TX	David W. Carter
All-District choice as a senior... Team most valuable player as both a junior and senior... Lettered two years in basketball... Academic All-City.			
Andre CARTER WR	5-11, 155	Tampa, FL	Chamberlain
Caught 32 passes for 707 yards and 9 touchdowns during his last two years in high school... Timed at 4.46 in the 40... Named one of the top 50 Florida players by <i>Tampa Tribune</i> ... All-Western Conference and All-County... Also lettered in basketball and track.			
Charles DAVIS DB	6-0, 185	Tampa, FL	Tampa Vo-Tech
Multi-position athlete... Rushed for 870 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior... Passed for 245 yards and 2 TDs... Caught 12 passes for 331 yards and 4 TDs... Hillsborough County Player-of-the-Year as a senior... Selected for Florida Shrine Bowl... Also lettered in track and wrestling.			
Hosea FRIDAY WR	6-1, 180	Detroit, MI	Chadsey
All-Public School League selection as a senior... 4-year letterman in football, basketball and track... Older brother Paul was a four-year letterman at defensive back for KU.			
Bob GOLTRA OL	6-6, 255	Fort Scott	Fort Scott
All-Class 5A as a senior... All-Conference... Selected for Kansas Shrine Bowl... Also lettered in basketball and track... Two-time academic honor roll nominee in high school.			
Devin GRANT LB	6-5, 210	Detroit, MI	MacKenzie
All-Metro selection on defense... Credited with 16 tackles for losses, including 9 quarterback sacks.			
Chad HAYES OL	6-3, 250	Atwood	Atwood
Consensus All-State selection... Led Atwood to three consecutive state titles... <i>USA Today</i> honorable mention All-American... Chosen for Kansas Shrine Bowl.			
Chris JONES DB	6-4, 195	Newton	Newton
All-State selection by the <i>Wichita Eagle</i> ... Selected for Kansas Shrine Bowl... Started at wide receiver and safety... Had 37 catches for 820 yards and 7 TDs as a senior... Intercepted 8 passes... Senior class president.			
Kwamie LASSITER DB	6-1, 185	Newport News, VA	Butler County CC
NJCAA second-team All-American in 1990... Named Butler County MVP as a sophomore... Two-year starter and punt returner... High school letterman in football, baseball and track.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
L.T. LEVINE RB	6-0, 195	Colonia, NJ	Colonia
Rushed for 1,580 yards on 125 carries his senior season... Named All-State Group III... Also named All-Area and All-League... Resident of same hometown as KU Coach Glen Mason.			
Johnny MATTRESS QB	6-0, 215	Cincinnati, OH	Coffeyville CC
Passed for more than 3,000 yards and 28 TDs during his two years at Coffeyville... Two-time All-Jayhawk Conference selection... Attended Princeton H.S. in Cincinnati, Ohio.			
Jim MOORE TE	6-3, 225	Garden City	Garden City
Parade All-American... Two-time consensus All-State selection... <i>Super Prep's</i> No. 3 ranked tight end in preseason list... Caught 25 passes for 433 yards... Credited with 6 QB sacks as a defensive end... Finished high school with 4.0 grade-point average.			
Keith RODGERS DB	6-1, 187	Lenexa	Shawnee Mission Northwest
All-Class 6A selection as senior... Started at quarterback and DB... Had 64 tackles and 4 interceptions his senior year... Selected for Kansas Shrine Bowl... Standout baseball outfielder.			
Mark SANDERS RB	6-1, 200	St. Petersburg, FL	Pinellas Park
All-State as a senior... Team captain... Rushed for 3,111 yards and 37 TDs his last two years in high school... Also caught 30 passes for 489 yards and 3 TDs... Ran on school's state champion 440-yard relay team.			
Brian SCHOTTENHEIMER QB	6-2, 185	Overland Park	Blue Valley
Consensus All-State... Led Blue Valley to Class 5A state championship as a senior... Completed 131 of 228 passes for 1,387 yards and 16 TDs... Two-year total was 2,586 yards and 26 TDs... Son of Kansas City Chiefs head coach Marty Schottenheimer.			
Jared SMITH OL	6-3, 235	Pittsburg	Pittsburg
All-Class 5A selection... All-Conference and All-Area... Selected to Kansas Shrine Bowl... Also lettered in basketball... Led Pittsburg into state playoffs with 8-2 record as senior.			
Mike STEELE DL	6-4, 275	Wichita	University of Georgia
Started all 11 games at Georgia in 1990 before transferring... Had 68 tackles as a sophomore, including 10 in the LSU game... Named outstanding defensive lineman in Georgia's 1991 spring drills... Will have two years eligibility... Was Kansas Gatorade Player-of-the-Year as a senior at Wichita South High School.			
Ronnie WARD OLB	6-2, 215	St. Louis, MO	Hazelwood East
Gatorade Player-of-the-Year in Missouri... One of five finalists for national Player-of-the-Year... <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> named him the top prospect in the metro area... Had 56 solo tackles and 4 fumble recoveries as a senior... Also rushed for 470 yards, had 18 catches for 330, and scored 17 touchdowns.			
Scott WHITTAKER OL	6-6, 300	Alta Loma, CA	Etiwanda
Considered one of the top offensive line prospects in California... One publication rated him among five best offensive line in the state... Two-year starter both ways... Named All-West by <i>Super Prep</i> .			
Derrick WILLIAMS DB	6-0, 180	Detroit, MI	Martin Luther King
All-City, All-Metro and All-League as a senior... Named blue chip prospect by the <i>Detroit News</i> ... Lettered three years in football and track.			

SPRING UPDATE

The sand — make that Tony Sands — has drained out of Kansas' football hourglass.

Yet hours after KU's spring football game, coach Glen Mason wasn't losing sleep over the loss of the Jayhawks' all-time rushing leader.

Seniors Chaka Johnson and Maurice Douglas, and junior George White had dandy springs.

Johnson cut loose on a 54-yard run during KU's spring game and finished with 49 on seven totes. White, who had a 27-yarder, finished with 20 yards on 11 carries. Douglas gained 47 on 13 carries.

"I've said all along I was pleased with our running backs," Mason said. "Chaka's run was outstanding and when George White carries, you always feel he can break it."

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise of spring was the play of newcomer Kwamie Lassiter, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound defensive back from Butler Community College. He's ticketed as Doug Terry's replacement at free safety.

Standout kicker Dan Eichloff isn't resting on his laurels.

He booted 40- and 21-yard field goals in KU's spring game. He did miss a 50-yarder with the wind and 40-yarder against the breeze, however.

Chip Hilleary hit just two of nine passes for 59 yards in the spring game, yet Mason is impressed with his senior QB.

"He's much improved over any time in his career. I guess that's to be expected," Mason said.

Fredrick Thomas (3-of-13 in the spring game) has moved past Nate Florell on the depth chart and is Hilleary's backup.

Wide receiver Rob Licursi, a redshirt senior after missing most of last season with a shoulder separation, had a good spring. He lugged in a 51-yard reception from Hilleary in the spring game.

Freshman receiver Ashaundai Smith also was a spring surprise at wide receiver. And Ty Moeder, a 6-foot-3, 238-pound defensive end, looks like he's ready for a big junior season. He had 14 tackles and a fumble recovery in the spring game.

KU's defense, bolstered by linemen Dana Stubblefield and Chris Maumalanga, who moved ahead of Gilbert Brown at left tackle, dominated in the spring.

self. I found my spirit. I found out who Chip Hilleary was.

"We've got so many guys back, I'm too excited. There are no words for it."

KU's passing game should improve with the return of junior tight end Chad Fette and senior wide receiver Rob Licursi. Both received medical hardships last year. Licursi and Fette were the Jayhawks' second- and third-leading receivers in 1990.

They should help make up for the loss of Drayton, KU's leading receiver the past two seasons.

KU has depth at tight end, but three of the ends — returning starter Dwayne Chandler, Pete Vang and Brent Willeford — were held out of spring practice because of injuries.

"If you ask me why we were a good team instead of a great team last year," Mason said, "it's goal line and short yardage. Coming up short so many times last year was very embarrassing."

Once upon a time, back in 1988, KU's defense was a major embarrassment. The Jayhawks surrendered 536 yards a game, still an NCAA record for futility.

Last year, KU allowed 321.7 yards per outing and ranked No. 29 nationally.

KU returns eight starters from that unit. The three who won't be back — Tim Hill, Paul Friday and Doug Terry — all played in the secondary.

"I used to hate talking about the defense. I like talking about it now," Mason said, quickly acknowledging the fact that the secondary is a major rebuilding job.

"The No. 1 priority is replacing Doug Terry," he noted. "He was to our defense what Tony Sands was to the offense. There's no doubt in my mind he was the best free safety in the Big Eight."

Gerald McBurrows, a true freshman who started a few games at corner, is heir apparent to Terry. Senior Charley Bowen will replace Friday at free safety, while junior Robert Vaughn is Hill's likely replacement at one corner.

Redshirt Marlin Blakeney and Kwamie Lassiter, a transfer from Butler County Community College, will compete at the other corner.

KU is loaded with depth and experience at the other defensive positions, especially at tackle where 6-foot-3, 280-pound senior Dana Stubblefield is an All-America candidate and 6-foot-2, 305-pound senior Gilbert Brown isn't far behind.

"I think we've got some of the best linemen around," Stubblefield said. "I'm sure offensive coordinators out there will

know when we're coming to town. We've gained a tremendous amount of respect in a short period of time."

Left end Kyle Moore, a senior, is also a returning starter as is junior right end Guy Howard. Juniors Brian Christian and Ty Moeder are also Big Eight caliber ends.

Stubblefield had 77 tackles and 10 quarterback sacks a year ago.

"I know there's not a better lineman in the Big Eight; there may not be a better one in the entire country," Mason praised.

Reserve linemen include 275-pound junior Chris Maumalanga and redshirt

reer games. He has four punts of 60 yards or more and 16 of 50 yards or more. His career-long punt is 64 yards.

"I think he's the finest in the country. I don't know who I'd trade him for," Mason said.

The Jayhawks' latest recruiting class includes a pair of quarterbacks. Johnny Mattress — who passed for more than 3,000 yards and 28 touchdowns at Coffeyville Community College the past two seasons — joins the program, as does freshman Brian Schottenheimer. Son of Chiefs' coach Marty Schottenheimer,

Brian threw for 26 touchdowns and 2,586 yards the past two seasons. He led Blue Valley (Kansas) High to a perfect record and state title last season.

Another blue chipper is Ronnie Ward, an outside linebacker from St. Louis, plus Parade All-American Jim Moore, a tight end from Garden City.

KU also landed a transfer who will be eligible. He's Mike Steele, a junior defensive lineman who played in 10 games as a freshman and started all 11 his sophomore season at Georgia.

A Wichita native, Steele was first-team all-state his senior year.

An outstanding crop of returnees and signees has kept Mason happy at Kansas. Mason was a candidate for the Minnesota opening in the off-season, but appears committed to KU.

"We're not in disaster management anymore," said Mason, who once fought a numbers problem here, but now has a full allotment of scholarships. "I'm optimistic. That's a new word in my vocabulary."

Others are optimistic, too. ESPN has included Kansas in its lineup of Thursday night games. KU will face California on Sept. 24 under the bright lights in Lawrence.

"To get a home game on ESPN, yeah it means a lot to me personally," Mason said. "It shows how far we've come."

He's so optimistic that he envisions a day players may proudly wear Big Eight championship rings.

"I won't make predictions," he said. "But we've got a good team. We've gotten better each and every year."

KU went 1-10 under Mason in '88 and improved to 4-7, dipped to 3-7-1, then went 6-5 last year.

"I think some of that is related to the system, more is related to the fact we have better players. The thing we have to do is make sure we don't slip back. We have to forge ahead." □

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fresh Mark Allison — a former Parade All-American from Minneapolis, Kan.

KU has seasoned outside linebackers in Hassan Bailey, Don Davis, Robert Mitchell, Sylvester Wright and Harold Harris.

Steve Harvey — another Parade All-American who was the Big Eight's defensive Newcomer-of-the-Year in '91 — returns at inside linebacker along with two-time letterman Larry Thiel.

"I don't know of a team with more speed at linebacker," Mason said.

Bailey, a senior, successfully made the switch from the defensive backfield last year, totaling 78 tackles.

"We've always had good coaches here," said Bailey. "Now we've got great athletes on defense, too. I think we're going to play well. Realistically, I think we can beat anybody we play, including the team in we play in the bowl game."

KU's most recognized player is punter/place-kicker Dan Eichloff. A junior, he led the Big Eight in both punting (42.3) and field goals (18 of 24) last year. He was a second-team All-American at both positions.

Eichloff, who was born in West Germany and moved to the U.S. in 1984, has converted 33 of 45 field goal attempts. He has kicked a field goal in 20 of 22 ca-

KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

BOWL GAME NEXT GOAL FOR IMPROVED WILDCATS

By ALLEN QUAKENBUSH



Kansas State had a winning record last season. That's right, the school that symbolized football futility just a few years ago went 7-4 overall and

4-3 in the Big Eight.

To truly appreciate the magnitude of that feat, a little history lesson is in order.

The Wildcats, you see, had not won seven games since 1954, and had not won four conference games since 1970.

By beating Iowa State 37-7, Missouri 32-0 and Oklahoma State 36-26, they closed the season with three straight victories for the first time since 1934.

By winning their first four games in KSU Stadium, they ran their home winning streak to six games for the first time since 1923.

The 7-4 record gave Coach Bill Snyder 13 wins in his first three seasons, making him the first coach to do that since Charles Bachman in 1920-22.

It gave the Wildcats 12 wins in the past two seasons, a remarkable turnaround considering they had won just 10 games in the previous seven years.

Obviously, K-State has come a long way in Snyder's short tenure. When he took over, the Wildcats were buried in a 0-26-1 grave; but he has managed to erase most of the negative numbers that hung over the program like a shroud.

In Snyder's first year, the Wildcats ended a 30-game winless streak and a 16-game losing streak by defeating North Texas.

In his second year, the Cats ended a 27-game Big Eight winless streak and a 17-game conference losing streak by beating Oklahoma State.

Last season, they broke a 30-game

road losing streak and a 22-game Big Eight road losing streak by winning at Iowa State.

About the only thing that hasn't changed around K-State, in fact, is Snyder's coaching approach. Although he returns eight starters on defense and six on offense, he knows the program isn't over the hump yet.

"I'm not sure you can ever stop trying to convince your people that they can be even better," he said. "I think they believe, and I think they have a stronger feeling than when we began, but the big thing for us is not to take anything for granted."

"We've obviously taken some steps, but any time you take for granted that you've completely developed that (winning) attitude, you take the risk of falling

backward. We can't maintain what we've accomplished unless we keep improving."

The Wildcats proved they were competitive in the Big Eight with wins over Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Kansas and Missouri last year. They also led Nebraska going into the fourth quarter before losing 38-31, and gave Colorado a tussle before falling 10-0.

All in all, it was a surprisingly strong performance for a team picked to finish last in the conference, a performance the players think merits some respect.

"I think we won over most people, but there are still some doubters out there," said junior safety Jaime Mendez. "We've heard some things and read some things that upset us."

"We just have to go out and show them again. We have to go out, play as hard as we did last year and take it up another notch."

Specifically, the Wildcats can point to one main goal — earning the second bowl invitation in school history.

The Wildcats may have been deprived of that berth last year by an NCAA ruling that required six wins over Division I-A opponents to merit consideration. In effect, that made K-State's wins over I-AA Indiana State and Idaho State moot.

With bowl fever again raging, K-State addressed that situation this year by replacing I-AA Boston University with Utah State. That left Montana as the only I-AA on the schedule, meaning another seven-win season should be good enough in 1992.

"Everybody is looking to take the next step, and that's playing in December

Brooks Barta, a first-team all-conference pick last year, has led K-State in tackles for three straight seasons and is averaging almost 10 per game.

JOHN WILLIAMSON

KANSAS STATE AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Defensive front seven, offensive line, improved running game, and kicking game. Best depth in memory.

Possible Weaknesses: Quarterbacks, cornerbacks, depth among receivers and defensive line.

Players to Watch: Reggie Blackwell, DE; Brooks Barta, LB; Andre Coleman, WR; Eric Gallon, TB (questionable due to injury); Jody Kilian, DT; C.J. Masters, SS; Jaime Mendez, FS; Quentin Neujahr, C; Chris Patterson, LB; Jeff Simoneau, NT; J.J. Smith, RB; Sean Snyder, P.



SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
44	Brooks Barta	LB	Sr.	6-0	215	Smith Center
5	Gerald Benton	WR	Sr.	5-8	155	Bradenton, FL
94	Scott Black	WR	So.	6-0	175	Papillion, NE
53	Reggie Blackwell	DE	Sr.	6-2	205	St. Louis, MO
26	Clyde Boulter	CB	Fr.	5-11	170	Brandon, FL
73	Barrett Brooks	OL	So.	6-5	270	Florissant, MO
40	Bryant Brooks	RB	Fr.	6-1	215	Crystal River, FL
90	Richard Bush	DT	Fr.	6-4	235	Scottsdale, AZ
91	John Butler	DE	Jr.	6-2	220	Hastings, NE
37	Tom Byers	FS	Jr.	6-0	200	Herrington
39	Warren Claassen	PK	Jr.	5-11	175	Whitewater
76	Eric Clayton	OL	Sr.	6-6	275	Salina
2	Andre Coleman	WR	Jr.	5-10	170	Hermitage, PA
92	Tim Colston	NG	Fr.	6-2	250	Tampa, FL
26	Omar Coote	WR	Jr.	5-11	180	Pensacola, FL
3	Chuck Culver	CB	So.	5-10	175	Perry
78	Sean Dabney	DT	Sr.	6-3	255	Youngstown, OH
96	Blair Detelich	NG	So.	6-1	260	Brookfield, OH
21	Omar Dillard	CB	So.	5-11	195	Topeka
20	Leon Edwards	RB	Fr.	5-6	161	Wichita
29	Mike Ekeler	DB	So.	5-11	190	Blair, NE
24	James Feldman	PK	So.	5-10	150	Colorado Springs, CO
15	Keith Galindo	LB	So.	6-2	185	Dodge City
1	Eric Gallon	RB	Sr.	6-1	205	Lakeland, FL
12	Matt Garber	QB	Sr.	6-2	200	Sabetha
43	Kyle Garst	LB	Sr.	6-0	230	Salina
28	Perceal Gaskins	DB	So.	6-1	193	Ormond Beach, FL
14	Joe Gordon	DB	Fr.	5-9	165	Arlington, TX
98	Kelly Greene	NT	So.	6-3	275	Manhattan
79	Ross Greenwood	OL	Fr.	6-4	260	Fayetteville, AR
43	Brian Griffith	FB	Fr.	6-0	205	Hutchison
55	Ekwensi Griffith	NT	Sr.	6-0	265	Bronx, NY
39	Ivan Griffin	RB	Fr.	5-10	210	Kansas City, MO
38	Steve Hanks	FS	So.	6-0	185	Manhattan
71	Adam Hansen	OT	Fr.	6-7	265	Blue Springs, MO
93	Darrell Harbert	NT	So.	6-1	250	Dallas, TX
64	Kelby Haresnape	OG	Fr.	6-3	260	Lebanon
98	David Helwig	LS	Jr.	6-3	195	Overland Park
67	Matt Hemphill	LS	So.	6-1	250	Kansas City
58	Shane Hill	OL	Fr.	6-5	235	Denison, TX
70	Jim Hmielewski	OT	So.	6-7	275	Franklin Park, IL
45	Kirby Hocutt	LB	So.	5-10	210	Sherman, TX
52	Darren Holmes	LB	Jr.	6-1	225	Fenton, MO
82	Jason Johnson	TE	Fr.	6-4	215	Gladstone, MO
10	Brian Kavanagh	QB	Fr.	6-4	205	Naperville, IL
23	Dederick Kelly	RB	Fr.	5-11	200	Baton Rouge, LA
59	Jody Kilian	DT	Sr.	6-5	275	Belle Plaine
69	Josh Kolb	OT	Sr.	6-4	265	Freeport, IL
46	Wayne Krause	DE	Fr.	6-3	210	Leavenworth
47	Jesse Lantz	LB	Jr.	6-1	200	Englewood, FL
86	Bobby Latiolais	DE	Fr.	6-5	225	Baton Rouge, LA
75	Toby Lawrence	OG	Sr.	6-5	280	St. Joseph, MO
25	Cedric Lee	DB	Fr.	6-0	175	Fort Lauderdale, FL
83	Kevin Lockett	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Tulsa, OK
80	Brian Lojka	TE	Fr.	6-6	250	Manhattan
50	Paul Magana	LB	Fr.	6-2	225	El Centro, CA
16	Craig Mancin	QB	Fr.	6-3	195	Mount Zion, IL

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21	Chuck Marlowe	WR	Fr.	6-2	180	Youngstown, OH
97	Scott Marshall	NG	So.	5-10	260	Manhattan
8	C. J. Masters	SS	Sr.	6-1	200	Grand Prairie, TX
5	Chad May	QB	Jr.	6-2	210	Laverne, CA
42	Derrick McBride	DE	So.	6-2	210	Florissant, MO
64	Matt McEwen	DE	Fr.	6-3	205	Belleville
17	Kenny McIntyre	DB	Sr.	5-10	180	Plano, TX
32	Jaime Mendez	FS	Jr.	6-0	195	Youngstown, OH
60	Steve Moten	DT	Sr.	6-2	270	Topeka
63	Nate Neufeld	LB	So.	6-1	215	Waverly
72	Quentin Neujahr	C	Jr.	6-4	270	Ulysses, NE
7	Joey Normand	WR	Sr.	6-1	180	Hurst, TX
94	Dirk Ochs	DT	Fr.	6-5	215	Overland Park
61	Todd Oalklaus	OT	Fr.	6-7	255	Claremore, OK
63	Chris Oltmanns	OG	Fr.	6-6	260	Delmar, IA
68	Brian O'Neal	OL	Fr.	6-3	255	Littleton, CO
77	Mike Orr	OT	Sr.	6-7	270	Paola
58	David Overdick	LB	Jr.	6-0	230	Hiawatha
34	Chris Patterson	LB	Sr.	6-3	235	Miami, FL
24	Greg Patterson	SS	Sr.	6-0	170	Miami, FL
95	Robert Pearson	DE	Fr.	6-3	230	Dallas, TX
2	Tracy Piepho	K	Sr.	6-0	160	Howell, MI
56	Jeff Placek	DE	So.	6-3	220	Manhattan
4	Kevin Pointer	WR	Fr.	5-11	160	St. Louis, MO
27	Keith Porter	CB	Fr.	6-1	180	West Palm Beach, FL
31	Thomas Randolph	CB	Jr.	5-10	170	Manhattan
6	Kitt Rawlings	DB	Jr.	5-11	175	North Salt Lake City, UT
81	Brian Rees	TE	So.	6-5	240	Sioux City, IO
89	Mitch Running	WR	Fr.	6-0	180	Decorah, IO
35	Oliver Salmans	FB	So.	6-2	215	Hanston
30	Rod Schiller	FB	So.	6-0	205	Sherman, TX
84	Tyson Schweiger	WR	Fr.	5-10	170	Cedar Rapids, IO
46	Brad Seib	TE	Jr.	6-4	230	Holingson
33	Jeff Simonau	FB/NG	Sr.	6-0	280	Smith Center
17	Scott Sinnett	QB	Jr.	6-1	205	Frontnac
19	Will Skeans	DB	Fr.	6-0	195	Ozark, MO
88	Henry Smalls	WR	Fr.	6-1	175	Bradenton, FL
13	Jason Smarglasso	QB	Jr.	6-2	210	New Wilmington, PA
22	J. J. Smith	RB	So.	5-11	185	Kansas City, MO
57	Jeff Smith	C	Fr.	6-1	255	Arkansas City
9	Sean Snyder	P-PK	Jr.	6-2	175	Greenville, TX
62	David Squires	OG	So.	6-2	265	Florissant, MO
49	Chris Sublette	FS	So.	6-0	185	Clearwater, FL
68	Kurt Sulzmann	NG	Fr.	5-10	210	Hoxie
66	Tyler Swedberg	LB	So.	6-1	225	Denver, CO
51	Andrew Timmons	LB	Fr.	6-3	240	Brooksville, FL
99	Luke Todryk	NG	Fr.	6-3	260	Milwaukee, WI
87	Curt Turner	TE/DE	Fr.	6-5	210	Scott City
54	Laird Veatch	LB	Jr.	6-3	220	Manhattan
36	Brent Venables	LB	Sr.	6-1	230	Salina
85	Lance Walker	WR	Jr.	6-2	175	Ashland
74	Tony Williams	DT	Sr.	6-4	295	St. Louis, MO
48	Nyle Wiren	FB	Fr.	6-2	220	Wichita
65	Eric Wolford	OG	Jr.	6-3	260	Hubbard, OH
18	Tate Wright	PK	Jr.	5-11	175	Stillwater, OK
41	Fred Wunderly	LB	Sr.	5-11	210	Devon

WILDCATS STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Watson	304	172	2312	56.6	10	10
Smarglasso	34	12	163	35.3	2	6

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Gallon	224	1102	4.9	39	9
Rawlings	41	172	4.2	14	2
J. Smith	18	157	8.7	72	1

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
M. Smith	55	768	14.0	51	6
Campbell	32	595	18.6	37	2
Hernandez	23	231	10.0	21	0
Gallon	21	247	11.8	39	0

TACKLES

Barta (108), Boone (89),
Mendez (79), Alexander (69),
Price (66), C. Patterson (64)

INTERCEPTIONS

Price (4), Green (3),
Randolph (2)

Coach: Bill Snyder

13-20, 3 years; 13-20 overall, 3 years

1991 Record: 4-3/4th; 7-4 overall

Stadium: KSU (42,000)

Lettermen Returning: 44

WILDCATS OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
13	Jason Smarglasso	Junior
12	Matt Garber	Senior
Number	Tailback	Year
22	J.J. Smith	Sophomore
40	Bryant Brooks	Freshman
Number	Fullback	Year
30	Rod Schiller	Sophomore
35	Oliver Salmans	Sophomore
Number	Wide Receiver	Year
7	Joey Normand	Sophomore
5	Gerald Benton	Senior
Number	Wide Receiver	Year
2	Andre Coleman	Junior
84	Tyson Schweiger	Freshman
Number	Tight End	Year
81	Brian Rees	Sophomore
46	Brad Seib	Junior
Number	Left Tackle	Year
69	Josh Kolb	Senior
73	Barrett Brooks*	Sophomore
Number	Left Guard	Year
75	Toby Lawrence*	Senior
76	Eric Clayton	Senior
Number	Center	Year
72	Quentin Neujahr*	Junior
57	Jeff Smith	Freshman
Number	Right Guard	Year
65	Eric Wolford*	Junior
62	David Squires	Sophomore
Number	Right Tackle	Year
77	Mike Orr*	Senior
70	Jim Hmielewski	Sophomore

WILDCATS DEFENSE

Number	Defensive End	Year
53	Reggie Blackwell*	Senior
91	John Butler	Junior
Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
55	Ekwensi Griffith*	Senior
96	Blair Detelich	Sophomore
Number	Nose Tackle	Year
93	Darrell Harbert	Sophomore
98	Kelly Greene*	Sophomore
Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
78	Sean Dabney	Senior
60	Steve Moten	Senior
Number	Linebacker	Year
44	Brooks Barta*	Senior
43	Kyle Garst	Senior
Number	Linebacker	Year
36	Brent Venables	Senior
47	Jesse Lantz	Freshman
Number	Linebacker	Year
34	Chris Patterson*	Senior
42	Derrick McBride	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
6	Kitt Rawlings	Junior
27	Keith Porter	Freshman
Number	Cornerback	Year
17	Kenny McIntyre	Senior
38	Steve Hanks	Freshman
Number	Strong Safety	Year
8	C.J. Masters*	Senior
24	Greg Patterson	Senior
Number	Free Safety	Year
32	Jaime Mendez*	Junior
49	Chris Sublette	Sophomore

* Denotes returning starters.

or January," said Mendez. "That's the only goal we had last year that we didn't accomplish. That's what we're looking for most."

"The thing we have to guard against now is not getting complacent. We're not where we want to be yet."

But K-State is making giant strides in that direction.

For the first time in Snyder's tenure, the Wildcats will have a full complement of scholarship athletes. In four years, those numbers have grown from 48 to 63 to 82 to 92.

"You like to have what the other guys have," Snyder said. "You want to play on a level field. In terms of numbers, things have levelled out. But I can't tell you whether the quality has."

"We have put ourselves in position to be competitive with a certain segment of the league, and we competed well with the top 1-2-3 teams last year. Now we have to do that with consistency."

Much of the Wildcats' progress under Snyder can be traced to his sophisticated passing attack that helped produce 384.6 yards and 23.9 points per game last season. Quarterback Paul Watson led the Big Eight in total offense and yards passing and wide receiver Michael Smith was the top receiver.

But those two players have departed, along with starting wide receiver Frank Hernandez and tight ends Russ Campbell and Al Jones, meaning the Wildcats face serious remodeling at the skill positions.

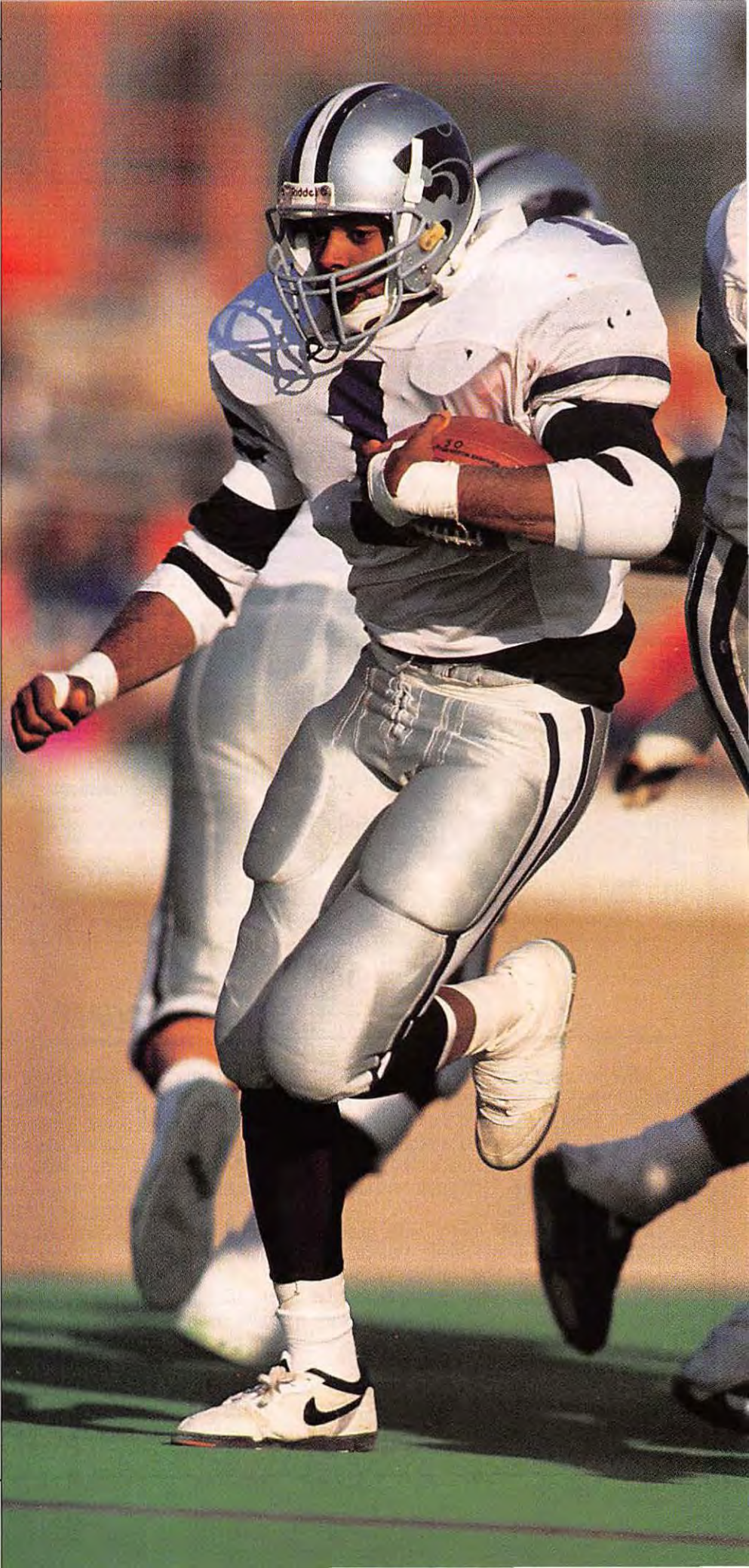
Snyder is only half kidding when he says he's looking for a quarterback "with a big S on his chest and a cape." Just listen to his job description: "I want a guy with a great deal of confidence who has the mental capacity to grasp what we're doing in a short period of time, a guy who's a great decision maker," Snyder said. "I want a guy who can throw the daylights out of the ball and be very accurate, a guy who can run fast, stay healthy and be a great leader."

What he has is a pair of unknown commodities — junior Jason Smargiasso, who threw only 34 passes last year, and senior Matt Garber, who didn't throw any.

"Jason has proven to be a little stronger thrower and runner," he said. "Matt doesn't have as strong an arm, but he has some of the intrinsic values in place. He has an accurate grasp of what's

Senior tailback Eric Gallon rushed for 1,102 yards last season, the second-best single-season total in school history.

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WILDCATS RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Leon EDWARDS RB	5-6, 161	Wichita	Southeast
Kodak All-American as high school senior in 1989... Has three years eligibility... Averaged 235 yards rushing per game his senior year to lead the state... Scored 35 touchdowns... Briefly attended junior college and Grambling State.			
Percell GASKINS LB	6-1, 195	Daytona Beach, FL	NW Oklahoma State
Will sit out this year to satisfy transfer requirements... Has three years eligibility... Signed with Tennessee out of high school... Has run 4.4 in the 50 and high jumped 7-2... Attended Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach.			
Joe GORDON DB	5-9, 165	Arlington, TX	Arlington
All-District... Helped Arlington win 5A district crown... Had 89 tackles, 3 interceptions and 3 blocked field goals... Conference 100-meter champ with time of 10.5.			
Ross GREENWOOD OL	6-4, 260	Fayetteville, AR	Fayetteville
All-State... Member of Northwest Arkansas Dream Team... Honorable mention All-State as a junior... Shot put and discus standout in track.			
Shane HILL OL	6-5, 235	Denison, TX	Denison
One of top 100 Texas prospects according to <i>Dallas Morning News</i> ... All-Area and All-District... Started as lineman on both sides... 4-year letterman.			
Darren HOLMES LB	6-1, 225	Fenton, MO	Eureka
St. Louis All-Metro selection... Team captain as junior and senior... As a fullback, ran for 7 TDs and averaged 9.2 yards per carry... 3-time All-Conference choice... Also lettered in wrestling.			
Jason JOHNSON TE	6-4, 215	Gladstone, MO	Oak Park
USA Today honorable mention All-American... All-Conference as tight end and defensive end... Named to Missouri 5A All-State team.			
Brian KAVANAUGH QB	6-4, 205	Naperville, IL	North
Threw for 1,306 yards and 14 TDs with only 2 interceptions as a senior... All-Area and All-Conference... Signed with K-State last year, but did not enroll as full-time student... Has four years of eligibility.			
Essex LAW RB	6-1, 212	Rochester, PA	Rochester
As a senior, carried 209 times for 2,576 yards, averaging 12.3 yards per carry, and scored 41 TDs... Also caught 21 passes for 364 yards... Among the <i>Pittsburgh Press</i> 's Finest 44 seniors in the state... Career rushing total was 4,197 yards.			
Cedrick LEE CB	5-11, 180	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Dillard
Blocked 22 punts in his career... Voted defensive and special teams Player-of-the-Year at Dillard... All-Conference and All-County... All-County in track where he ran 10.6 in 100 meters.			
Kevin LOCKETT WR	6-0, 160	Tulsa, OK	Booker T. Washington
Listed as one of Midwest's top 50 prospects by Max Enfinger... Caught 45 passes for 459 yards as a senior and 73 for 421 yards as a junior... School's National Honor Society president.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Paul MAGANA LB	6-2, 225	El Centro, CA	Central
All-Conference his senior year when he recorded 115 tackles... Had 17 tackles in one game... Played fullback on offense... Named team's most valuable player on defense... Lettered in track as a high jumper.			
Chad MAY QB	6-2, 210	Laverne, CA	Cal State-Fullerton
Transfer who will sit out this season... Started as a redshirt freshman at CS-Fullerton last year... Has two years eligibility... Best game was 213 passing yards... Threw for 18 TDs and more than 2,000 yards at Damien High School.			
Brian O'NEIL OL	6-3, 255	Littleton, CO	Littleton
Considered one of top linemen in Rocky Mountain area... All-Conference as both junior and senior... Listed as one of top 25 prospects in Colorado... Team captain.			
Jeff SIMONEAU NG-FB	6-0, 280	Smith Center	Arizona State
Played three years as fullback at Arizona State where he rushed for more than 400 yards and 5 TDs... Has one year eligibility... Holds Arizona State strength records in bench, squat and clean... Parade All-American at Smith Center High School... 3A state champ in 100 (10.57) and 200 (21.86).			
Will SKEANS DB-LB	6-0, 195	Ozark, MO	Ozark
Considered a punishing tackler... K-State staff called him the best hitter they saw all year... All-State as senior... Two-time All-Conference... 4-year letterman in football and basketball.			
Henry SMALLS WR	6-1, 175	Bradenton, FL	Manatee
Caught 61 catches for 1,511 yards and 18 TDs in his career... 5A All-State as a senior, second team as a junior... Had five 100-yard receiving games... Cousin of Kansas City Chiefs' receiver Stephane Paige.			
Andrew TIMMONS LB	6-3, 248	Brooksville, FL	Hernando
All-State selection... Set school record with 315 career tackles... Had 133 tackles as a senior, with a one-game high of 19... Runs 4.7 in the 40... Bench presses 385 pounds.			
Luke TODRYK NG	6-3, 260	Milwaukee, WI	Marquette
Signed with K-State last year, but sat out because of confusion over eligibility... All-Region and All-City in high school... Recorded 5 sacks as senior... Had 18 tackles in one game.			
Curt TURNER TE-DE	6-5, 210	Scott City	Scott City
Super Prep tabbed him the fifth-best tight end in the nation... Caught 23 passes for 600 yards (a 26.1 average) and 7 TDs as a senior... Gatorade All-American... Consensus All-State... Chosen for Kansas Shrine Bowl... Led team to back-to-back state titles.			
Nyle WIREN FB	6-2, 220	Wichita	Northwest
Carried the ball 22 times for 289 yards (a 13.1 average) as a wingback his senior year... Also returned punts and kickoffs... Moved to Wichita after his junior year at Randolph Macon, Va., where he was All-Conference in football and basketball.			

SPRING UPDATE

Senior running back Eric Gallon, who tore a knee ligament in spring practice, underwent major reconstructive surgery on April 14 and will miss at least the first four games next season.

"If all things fall into place properly, he should be back on the field in six months, but that's always give and take," K-State Coach Bill Snyder said. "The prognosis is that he'll be available for maybe half the season."

Gallon suffered the injury while making a cut during a scrimmage on April 4, and Snyder said he might be able to return for a game at Utah State on Oct. 17.

As a junior, Gallon had the second-best single-season rushing total in school history with 1,102 yards. A second-team All-Big Eight selection, he needs 934 yards to become the all-time leading rusher in K-State history.

Two players counted on to replace him, sophomores J.J. Smith and Leon Edwards, missed the Purple and White spring intrasquad game. Smith was running for the Wildcats' track

team at the Drake Relay, and Edwards had a minor injury.

Redshirt freshman Bryant Brooks was the leading rusher in the spring game with 56 yards on 18 carries.

Junior Jason Smargiasso and senior Matt Garber remained in a virtual dead heat in the battle for the starting quarterback job after spring practice, and both had solid performances in the intrasquad game.

Smargiasso completed 12 of 18 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns and rushed five times for 21 yards and another TD. Garber hit 17 of 24 passes for 214 yards and ran for a TD.

The star of the spring game was redshirt freshman wide receiver Mitch Running, who caught seven passes for 176 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown.

Junior Kitt Rawlings, the Wildcats' second-leading rusher last season, made a successful transition to defense and ended the spring as a starting cornerback.

going on."

At 6-foot-2, 210 pounds with a strong arm and good speed, Smargiasso has the raw athletic qualities Snyder values. But last year, he was inconsistent, completing just 12 of 34 passes and throwing six interceptions. He also tends to free-lance more than his coach wants.

Garber, the son of a high school coach, is more limited physically, but he understands what Snyder wants from a quarterback.

"In our type of offense, the quarterback can't make mistakes," Garber said. "Consistency is very important. You have to do the right thing every time if things are going to work."

Both quarterbacks should be helped by an offensive line that returns four starters and one part-time starter from a unit that helped amass a school-record 4,231 yards total offense last year.

Junior Quentin Neujahr could be the Big Eight's best center, and he's joined up front by fellow two-year starters Eric Wolford at guard and Mike Orr at tackle. Also back are guard Toby Lawrence, tackle Barrett Brooks and backup Josh Kolb.

Senior tailback Eric Gallon calls that unit the "Fab Five." He can be excused for engaging in a little hyperbole after rushing for 1,102 yards last season, the second-best single-season total in school history. Along with the guys up front, he helped K-State improve its rushing average from a puny 59.7 yards per game in 1989 to 159.6 last year.

Gallon, however, suffered a serious knee injury during spring practice, and his status for this fall is uncertain.

If Gallon isn't healthy, sophomore speedster J.J. Smith, who zipped 72 yards for a touchdown the first time he touched the ball last year and averaged 8.7 yards per carry, will be counted on heavily, along with promising newcomers Leon Edwards and Bryant Brooks.

Sophomore Rod Schiller, who gained 184 yards and caught 11 passes as a starter two years ago, will be back at full-back after missing most of last season with an injury.

K-State loses three of the top nine receivers in the conference, but the Wildcats could fill in the gaps with the best speed on the perimeter in Snyder's tenure.

Junior Andre Coleman was K-State's best deep threat last year, catching 18 passes for 279 yards and four touchdowns, and senior Gerald Benton (11

catches for 121 yards) is a 60-yard dash specialist on the Cats' track team.

"We have a couple of guys who can go deep pretty quickly," Garber noted with a smile. "That's something we didn't do much of in the past couple of years."

Don't be surprised if freshmen catch a few balls, too. Kevin Lockett and Henry Smalls are highly regarded wide receivers, and Curt Turner and Jason Johnson were among the best prep tight ends in the country last season.

The top two returnees at tight end, Brad Seib and Brian Rees, didn't catch a

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pass last season.

"The young people we have there will have their feet put to the fire," Snyder said.

Defensively, the small town of Smith Center, Kan., population 2,240, may give K-State two of the conference's best defensive players — linebacker Brooks Barta and nose guard Jeff Simoneau. They'll spearhead a unit that should be the school's best since the 1982 Independence Bowl season.

Barta, a first-team all-conference pick last year, has led K-State in tackles for three straight seasons and is averaging almost 10 per game. He's as solid as they come.

Simoneau, Barta's former running mate in Smith Center's backfield, sat out last season after transferring from Arizona State and has one year of eligibility left. A 6-foot, 280-pounder with good speed, he caused havoc during practice last season.

"He's going to be very instrumental for us," Snyder said. "I've been surprised at the athletic ability he has. He has an op-

portunity to be a truly fine player."

Simoneau should jam up the middle on a defense that has improved consistently under Snyder. Last year, after switching from a 5-2 front to a 4-3, the Cats allowed the fewest yards (351.4 per game) and fewest points (20.5 per game) of any K-State team in the past nine seasons.

Simoneau joins a line that is loaded with experience. Five tackles with at least two letters return, including starters Ekwensi Griffith and Jody Kilian. Two veteran nose guards also are back, including sophomore Kelly Greene, who started all 11 games last season.

K-State does lose defensive end Elijah Alexander, but both Reggie Blackwell and John Butler started part-time at that spot during the past two seasons.

At linebacker, Barta is joined by fellow three-year starter Chris Patterson to give the Cats one of the best tandems in the conference. Senior Brent Venables, who improved rapidly late last season, is expected to start in the middle.

The big question mark on defense is the secondary, which loses a pair of three-year starters at cornerback in William Price and Rogerick Green, and also must replace backup Tony Gonzalez.

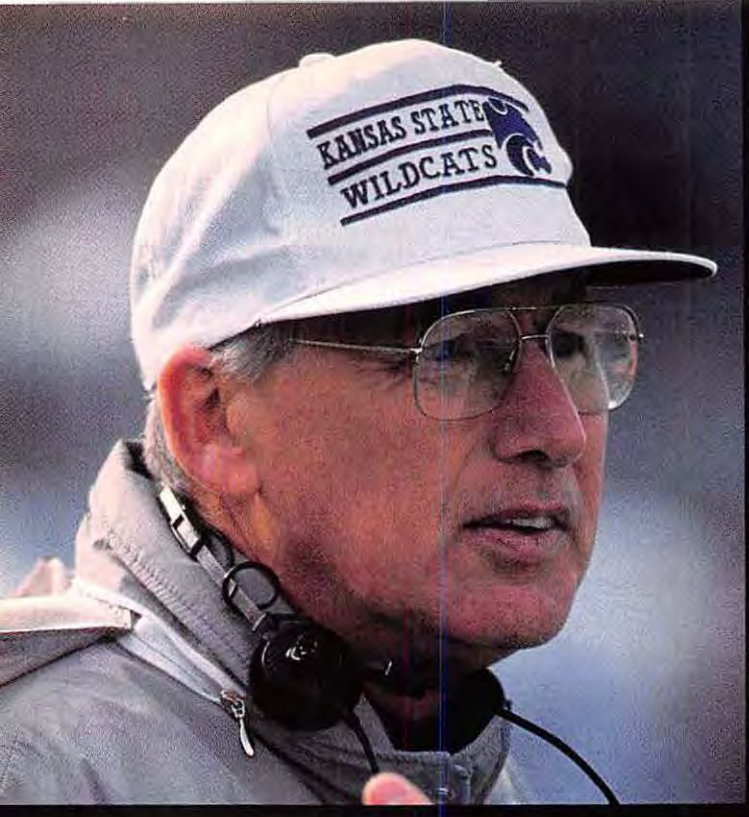
Thomas Randolph, one of the Big Eight's top indoor sprinters, will take over one spot after intercepting two passes and breaking up four others last year. The other, however, is up in the air with little-used Chuck Culver and former tailback Kitt Rawlings the leading candidates.

Mendez, who earned first-team all-Big Eight honors from the conference coaches as a sophomore, heads a solid group of safeties. Senior C.J. Masters returns at free safety and part-time starter Greg Patterson should push him for playing time.

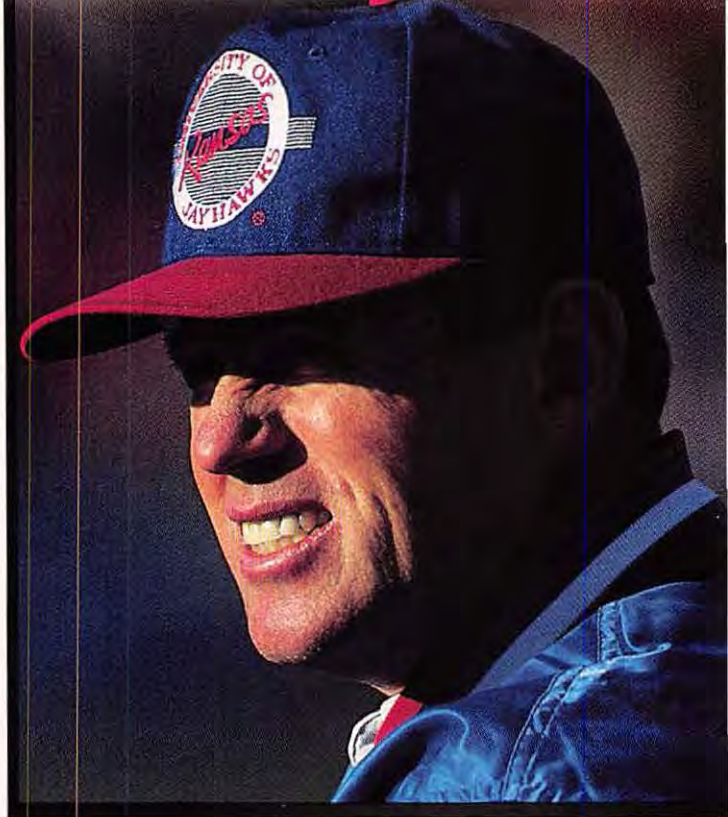
The kicking game also is in capable hands, returning punter Sean Snyder, kicker Tate Wright and kick returner Benton.

The key to K-State's season may come from Oct. 10-31 when it plays four straight games on the road, including three league contests. It's worth noting, too, that the Wildcats play only two conference games at home.

On the positive side, even if it doesn't get a bowl bid, K-State will close the season with a nice trip. The Cats play Nebraska in Tokyo on Dec. 6. □



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THEY'RE NOT LAUGHING AT KU, K-STATE ANYMORE

BY GREG COUCH

In 1934, when Franklin Roosevelt was trying to pull the country out of the Great Depression, Kansas and Kansas State were just starting their state's era of Football Depression.

And although World War II pulled the country from its financial troubles, the state's football troubles survived World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. Since 1934, there hadn't been a year in which both teams had winning records.

Until last year.

Kansas State was 7-4. Kansas was 6-5.

And in the same season, KU and K-State, identified for years as Futility U., America's Homecoming Team, Coaches' Graveyard, and any other degrading nickname or nasty joke you've ever heard, barely missed going to bowl games.

"It used to be that in the locker room before games, we'd be sitting around and saying, 'Let's go out there and get this thing over with,'" said Erick Harper, who played for K-State from 1986-90 and now works in the school's athletic department. "Let's go out and try to cover the spread."

"It's not like that any more. Now, it's, 'Let's win this thing. There's no reason we can't win.' The players and coaches actually study what's going on rather than just show up at the games. We're sick of listening to all that stuff about Futility U."

But the turnaround for both programs meant more than just a change in won-lost records. In fact, it was more than just a change on the football field.

This was about dignity. The fans stopped ridiculing their teams. The schools' administrators decided the sport was important. And, maybe best of all, the players started to believe in themselves.

"I came here a loser," said Tony Sands, KU's senior tailback

last season. "I went out a winner."

Finally.

When K-State coach Bill Snyder took over after the 1988 season, he called together the outgoing seniors for a meeting. That's where he found just how bad it can hurt to lose in football.

And lose and lose.

"It was like a kindergarten class with kids raising their hands," said Snyder, now a two-time Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year. "They just poured their hearts out."

"It was apparent to me that they were going to be harmed for a good portion of their lives by what had happened. I wondered how they were going to live their lives, how they would react in a social setting with other people. They had just been knocked back in a shell."

"The seniors now will walk out the doors with the understanding that they have accomplished an awful lot. Probably every single one of them at one time or another had one foot out the door."

What K-State's players accomplished in 1991 was the school's fifth winning season since 1936, its first two road victories in six years, and its first three-game league winning streak since any of the current players were born.

What KU did was get its first winning season since 1981, have an NCAA record 396-yard rushing game by Sands against Missouri, and get blue chip recruits to actually pay attention.

"Five years ago, the likes of these wouldn't even visit the University of Kansas," KU Coach Glen Mason said when announcing his recruiting class. "I know. I went to visit them, and they slammed the door in my face."

Both teams got votes toward a national ranking. Both were watched by bowl scouts. Both coaches were rumored to be moving on to better jobs.

"Yes, it has turned around," Snyder said. "But we haven't gone from the worst team in the history of college football to the best. We've gone from the worst college football program to a very respectable football program."

True, these teams didn't win the Big Eight title, or even contend for it. But over the past few years, they've gone from the bottom of the pack to the middle. What's impressive about where they are is where they've come from.

In 1915, Kansas State's football team was given the nickname "Wildcats" by Coach Chief Bender for its "fighting spirit."

One year later, after a losing season, the team's name was switched to "Farmers."

Really.

Since then, K-State has compiled more losses than any other major college team — 530.

In 1985, during a 10-6 loss to Northern Iowa, then K-State athletic director Larry Travis stood, fuming, outside the K-State locker room door, in full view of the KSU Stadium crowd, for the entire fourth quarter. Travis grabbed Coach Jim Dickey, took him into the coaches' locker room and fired him.

Two games into the season.

In 1987, the second year under Coach Stan Parrish, K-State students brought boxes of oranges to the season opener against Austin Peay, expecting to throw the oranges onto the field to show that they intended to go to the Orange Bowl.

But then K-State started to lose. And the fans got upset. And there were all those oranges. And so the fans threw them at K-State's players and coaches.

Like pelting a bad Vaudeville act with rotten fruit.

Austin Peay 26, K-State 22.

"After that, the oranges got hurled all during the year," Harper said. "It takes a real man not to let that bother you."

There was the time in 1988, when K-State had the nation's longest non-winning streak — only a tie with Kansas kept it from being the nation's longest losing streak. The Wildcats scored a touchdown to take a lead with less than two minutes left at Tulane, and K-State's players started to celebrate. Hugs and tears, and thank God it's finally over.

K-State's defensive coordinator and assistants in the press box ripped off their headsets and ran to the field to celebrate with the players.

Then K-State was hit with a 15-yard penalty for having too many men on the field. Then 15 yards for pass interference. Then 15 for too many on the field. And Tulane scored.

Tulane 20, K-State 16.

The next week, K-State led Louisiana Tech 28-7 in the second quarter and lost 31-28. The game ended with the Wildcats throwing an incomplete pass to the end zone as time ran out.

In their final drive, they used full, slow huddles while the crowd cursed Parrish to use his timeout. When it was over, K-State still had one timeout left.

The next day, Parrish resigned.

Snyder replaced Parrish. But during the search for a coach, the school asked then-Oklahoma assistant Jim Donnan, a former K-State assistant, if he would be interested.

"I'd rather go back to Vietnam," he reportedly said.

And so it goes. Over and over and over.

The Jayhawks' history isn't quite as storied, their depths not as deep.

But there was the time in 1986, when Kansas lost to Oklahoma 64-3 on national TV. During the game, announcer Keith Jackson, apparently thinking his microphone was off, said, "What are we doing here?"

And the time in 1988, when, at halftime of a 56-0 loss at

Auburn, Mason, Auburn Coach Pat Dye and officials agreed to use a little known rule allowing the clock to run without stopping in the second half. The game took two hours and 15 minutes.

"Let's face it," Mason said last season, "when I came here, KU football was a joke. I was like the guy who goes in for an operation and the doctor tells him that dying on the table isn't the worst thing that can happen. He may go on."

Worst of all for both schools, though, may have been the 17-17 tie between KU and K-State in 1987. There were four turnovers in a two-minute stretch.

With the game tied, K-State was intercepted with 1:16 left. Then KU fumbled. Then KU was hit with a 15-yard penalty for arguing. And it came down to K-State's 37-yard field goal, which was blocked.

Afterward, K-State running back Tony Jordan said, "Now, who has the bragging rights?"

The answer was no one.

"This leaves all of us with nothing," KU receiver Willie Vaughn said at the time.

When Mason came to Kansas, he had just 51 players on scholarship. Snyder once had to move linebackers to defensive line during a game because he was out of linemen.

This year, both teams expect to have 90 players or more on scholarship.

Kansas State has turned things around the new fashioned way: it paid for it.

The school raised coaches' salaries between 25 and 35 percent, built a locker room big enough for scholarship players and walk-ons to dress together, built a new weight room, a new sports medicine area, added more than \$100,000 to the recruiting budget, bought over half a million dollars in video equipment, put in a new turf, and renovated the football building. Plans call for a new indoor practice facility, new press box, and sky boxes.

As a result, K-State's athletic department has a \$5.4 million debt, which it hopes to pay back with future increased football revenues.

And now, the stories of both schools are changing. And the teams can compete with anyone.

Kansas lost on a last-minute touchdown on the road to then-defending national champ Colorado.

Kansas State lost at Nebraska when a last minute drive stalled inside the 10-yard line.

Mason and Snyder were voted co-Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year by the league's coaches.

In the 10 years before Mason arrived, KU had four coaches.

"What happened to them?" Mason asked. "Did they die?"

No one knows.

Now, Mason starts his fifth year.

In the 12 years before Snyder arrived, K-State had four coaches. Now, Snyder starts his fourth year.

Three years ago, K-State players said they were embarrassed to wear their letter jackets because they didn't want people to know they were on the football team. Last year, several Jayhawks had their numbers branded into their arms.

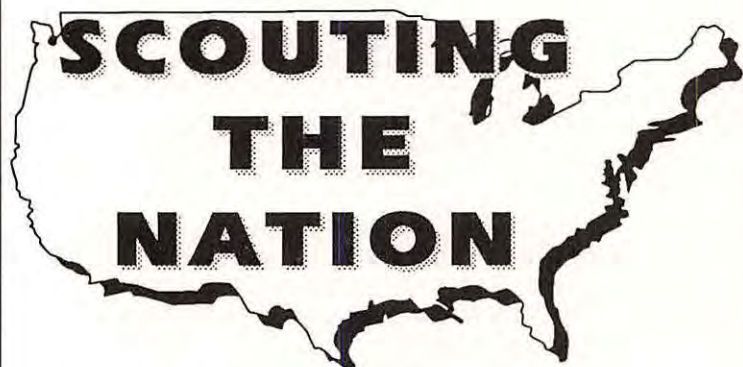
And even when things are looking bad, and the old days seem to be creeping back, something good happens.

Kansas State was about to lose to Division I-AA Indiana State last year when the Sycamores scored a touchdown in the final minutes for a one point lead. Indiana State went for a two-point conversion, but K-State's William Price intercepted the pass and ran it back 102 yards for two points.

K-State 26, Indiana State 25.

"I've seen better games," Harper said. "But a few years ago, our guy would have fallen down on the 5-yard line." □

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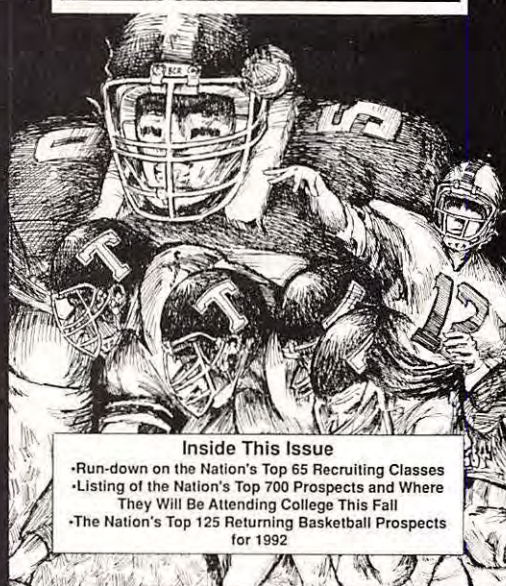
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SUPER SUNFLOWERS, SANDS, SOPHS-TO-BE AND SEPT. 19

By PETE GOERING

THE FAB FOUR

Long before Michigan's Fab Five freshmen almost won the NCAA Basketball Tournament, the 1991 Big Eight football season had its own collection of fabulous freshmen.

Four of them ranked among the conference's top 10 running backs, led by Colorado's Lamont Warren who rushed for 830 yards and a 92.2 average per game, good for fifth among Big Eight runners.

Close behind Warren was Nebraska's Calvin Jones with 900 yards and a 90.0 average. Jones led the Big Eight in scoring with 86 points, 30 of those coming during a six-TD, 294-yard effort against Kansas.

Oklahoma State's Rafael Denson was in eighth place with 569 yards and a 51.7 average, and Iowa State's Kevin Caldwell, who started the season as a tailback and finished as the Cyclones' quarterback, ranked ninth with 428 yards and a 42.8 average.

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL?

Saturday afternoons ... leaves falling ... a chill in the air.

The setting for college football, right?

Well, sort of.

While most of the Big Eight games will be played on Saturday as usual, there will be more non-Saturday games than ever before.

Three games will be featured on ESPN's Thursday night package, the traditional Oklahoma-Nebraska game will be played on the day after Thanksgiving, and the not-so-traditional Kansas State-Nebraska game in Tokyo will be played on Friday. And Saturday.

When K-State and the Huskers kick off their game, it will be Friday (Dec. 5) in the United States and Saturday (Dec. 6) in Japan!

The ESPN games begin on Sept. 3 with Oklahoma at Texas Tech, followed by California at Kansas on Sept. 24, and Colorado at Missouri on Oct. 8.

A SANDSATIONAL DAY

Quite simply, there's never been anything like it. Never.

In his final college game, little Tony Sands of Kansas went out with a big bang.

How big?

He rushed for an NCAA-record 396 yards.

He carried the ball 58 times, another NCAA record. Thirty-four of those carries were in the second half. Yup, that's a record, too.

And despite standing only 5-foot-6, Sands carried teammate Chip Hilleary into the record books. Hilleary, KU's quarterback, rushed for 80 yards, which combined with Sands' 396, set an NCAA record for most yards (476) by two backs on the same team in one game.

By the way, KU won the game, beating Missouri 53-29. Sands, no surprise, scored four touchdowns.

BIG EIGHT ALUMNI ASSN.

Twenty-seven Big Eight athletes, the majority of them from Oklahoma and Nebraska, were selected in the 1992 National Football League draft.

Nebraska tight end Johnny Mitchell, one of seven Huskers drafted, was the Big Eight's only first-round pick. The New York Jets selected Mitchell, who would have been a junior this year, with the 16th pick.

Oklahoma had nine players selected but none before the fifth round. Four players from Colorado were drafted, three from Kansas State, two from Kansas, one from Missouri and one (basketball player Corey Williams) from Oklahoma State.

Thirty Big Eight players were drafted in 1991.

A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR SUNFLOWERS

Fifty-eight years earlier — 1933, to be exact — both the Kansas State and Kansas football teams had winning records.

That feat didn't happen again until last year when K-State went 7-4 and KU 6-5.

For K-State, the winning

season was the school's first since 1982; for KU, it was the first winning season since 1981.

Not surprisingly, the architects of the Sunflower State's success were duly rewarded. K-State's Bill Snyder was named Coach-of-the-Year by the Associated Press for the second year in a row, and KU's Glen Mason shared that honor with Snyder in voting by the conference coaches.

NATIONAL CHAMPS LIKE ORANGE

The Big Eight's contract with the Orange Bowl has been a good one for both parties.

The Big Eight has presented the Orange Bowl with six mythical national championship teams (most recently, Colorado in 1990) and — sorry, guys — has contributed to someone else winning it in Miami four times in the last 11 years.

For the record, six of the last 11 Orange Bowls have produced these national champions:

1982: Clemson beat Nebraska, 22-15.
1984: Miami, Fla. beat Nebraska, 31-30
1986: Oklahoma beat Penn State, 25-10.
1988: Miami, Fla. beat Oklahoma, 20-14.
1991: Colorado beat Notre Dame, 10-9.
1992: Miami, Fla. beat Nebraska, 22-0.

COACHING STABILITY

For the first time in conference history, the same eight coaches have been in the league for four consecutive years.

Oklahoma's Gary Gibbs, Kansas State's Bill Snyder and Missouri's Bob Stull are the "new guys" on the block. Each is beginning his fourth season in the Big Eight.

Tom Osborne of Nebraska is the dean of the conference coaches as he enters his 20th season.

Colorado's Bill McCartney starts his 11th year, followed by Oklahoma State's Pat Jones (9th), Iowa State's Jim Walden (6th) and Kansas' Glen Mason (5th).

Osborne is the winningest active NCAA Division I coach with

a record of 186-43-3 (80.2 percent) and also is the winningest coach in Big Eight history.

TRADITION TAKES A JOLT

Although the Big Eight had five teams finish above .500 for the first time since 1986, there wasn't much else to brag about in 1991.

For the first time in 21 years, no Big Eight team was ranked in the final Associated Press Top 10, and the conference's record against outside teams was a mediocre 18-13-1.

The final AP poll had Nebraska 15th, Oklahoma 16th and Colorado 20th. The *USA Today*/CNN poll had Oklahoma 14th, Nebraska 16th and Colorado 20th.

Despite dropping out of the Top 10, Nebraska has been in the AP's weekly Top 20 rankings in all but three of the 296 weeks since Tom Osborne became coach in 1972. The Huskers have been listed in 170 consecutive rankings, a national best.

CIRCLE SEPT. 19 ON YOUR CALENDAR

The Big Eight has a chance to build some early national prestige — or fall on its face — on Sept. 19.

On that day, Nebraska plays at 1991 national champ Washington, Oklahoma State plays at Michigan, Oklahoma hosts Southern California, Kansas plays at last year's Freedom Bowl winner Tulsa, Missouri hosts Southwest Conference favorite Texas A&M, and Colorado visits Minnesota.

This year's non-conference schedule that includes 11 games against 1991 bowl teams — Iowa (twice), Baylor, Indiana, Tulsa (twice), Illinois, California, Texas A&M, Washington and Michigan.

The schedule-maker did Missouri no favors. The Tigers' first three games are against bowl

teams — at Illinois, Texas A&M at home, and at Indiana.

And their final non-conference opponent? NCAA I-AA runner-up Marshall.

NOTEWORTHY

Strange Schedule I: You've heard of open dates, but how about Kansas having 16 days between games? That's the scenario that developed when the Jayhawks' game against Cal was picked up by ESPN and moved to Thursday, Sept. 24. After that game, KU doesn't play again until Oct. 10 when it hosts Kansas State.

Strange Schedule II: Stung last year by the NCAA bowl policy that requires six victories over I-A teams, Kansas State dropped Boston University and replaced the Terriers with Utah State. The switch means K-State doesn't open the season until Sept. 19, has a stretch of four consecutive road games, and ends the season with a home game ... in Tokyo (against Nebraska).

How good was Colorado's recruiting class? Twenty of the Buffs' 24 recruits attained some kind of post-season All-America recognition.

Colorado is the only Division I-A team in the country that has not lost a conference game during the last three years. The Buffs are 20-0-1 in the Big Eight during that span.

Nebraska's only losses during the last two seasons have been to national co-champions. The Huskers lost to Colorado and Georgia Tech in 1990 and to Washington and Miami, Fla., in 1991.

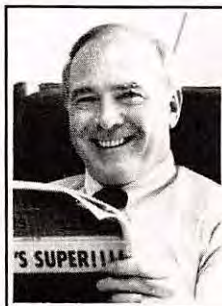
No current Big Eight player was a first-team All-American last season. Two — Nebraska guard Will Shields and KU place-kicker Dan Eichloff — were second team selections by the Associated Press, and Nebraska running back Derek Brown was on the AP third team. □

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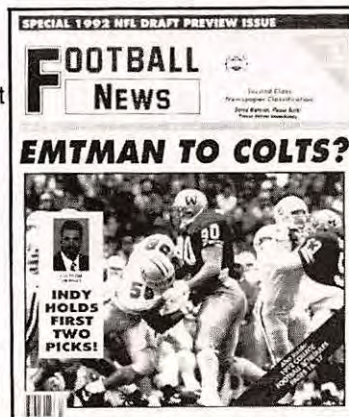
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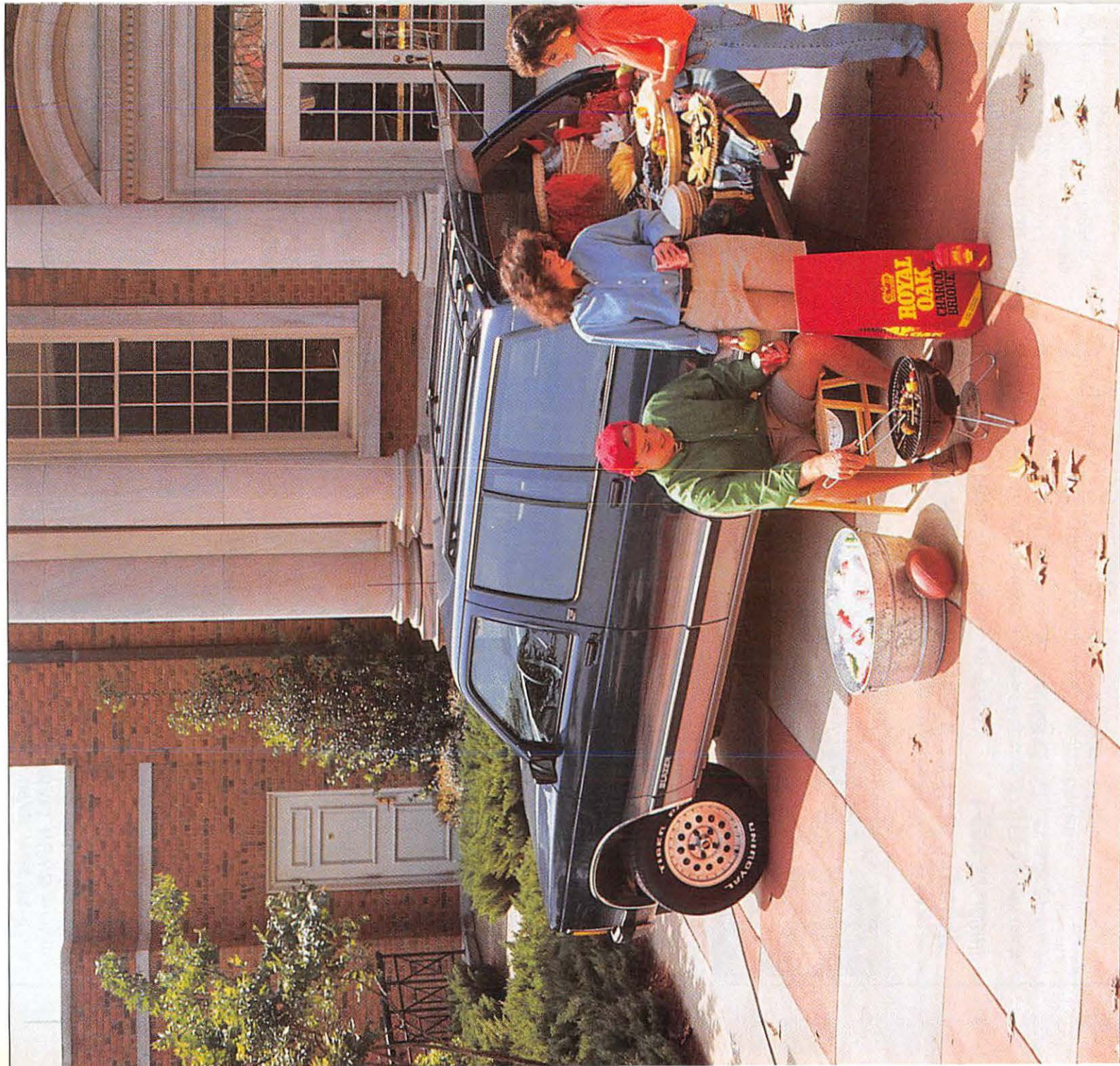
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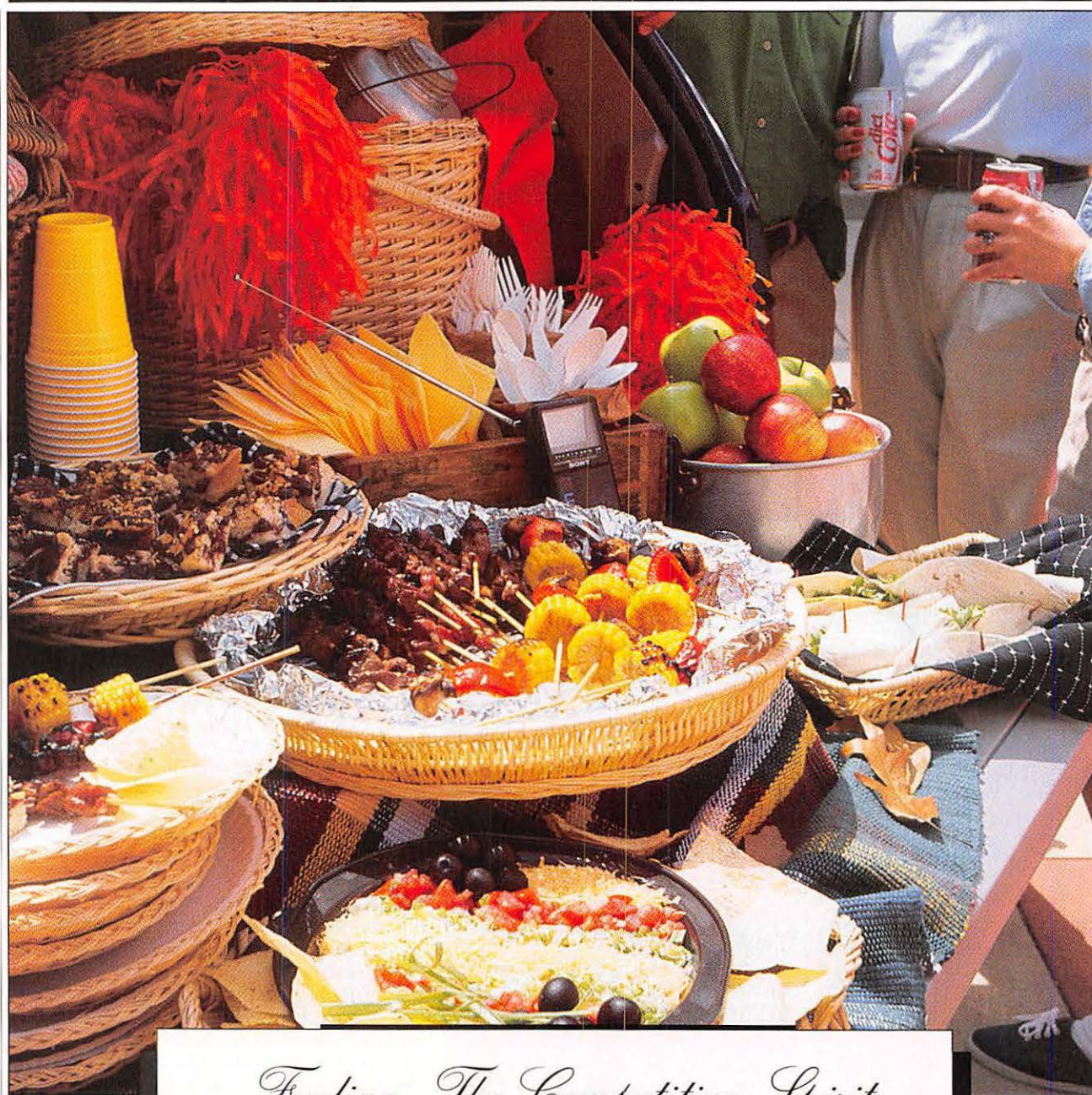
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NATIONAL RECRUITING REVIEW

Gators Lead the Pack

By ALLEN WALLACE

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FLORIDA:

The best recruiting classes accomplish two things for a head coach: The class satisfies immediate and long-term needs of the program. That's the most important accomplishment. Elite classes also furnish the coach with a diverse group of superior athletes who will give the coach options to change the type of defense or offense he is running. This way he can adapt. In today's complex world of college football, the ability to adapt from game to game and year to year is the biggest advantage. The overworked phrase, "class without a weakness" truly applies to the Gators. It's big in numbers (24 signees, including two terrific QBs), fast, versatile, deep on both sides of the ball and includes place-kicker Bart Edmiston.

IMPACT SIGNEES: A better question would be, "Who isn't an impact signee?" Watch for linebackers Dexter Daniels of Valdosta, Ga. and Johnny Church of Fort Myers Cypress Lake, Fla.; QB Danny Wuerffel (Fort Walton Beach, Fla.); and fullback Dwayne Mobley. Defensive linemen Cameron Davis and Jeff Micel are in-staters who were among the top 10 defensive line prospects in the country.

THE JEWEL: Offensive lineman Reggie Green (6-7, 305) from Bradenton Southeast, Fla., the nation's finest offensive tackle prospect.

THE SLEEPER: LB Jerome Evans (6-1, 215), Arcadia Desoto, Fla., is the cousin of Johnny Rembert, linebacker with the New England Patriots.

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MIAMI:

The word is out. The 'Canes annually sign truckloads of talent from Dade and Broward counties which is superior to some of the more publicized talent from other parts of the U.S. The 'Canes did that again this year but also scored well with linemen from Texas and yes, even signed an All-America offensive lineman from California, Steven Hochman.

IMPACT SIGNEES: QB Chris Walsh, Steve's younger brother, from St Paul, Minn., who was this year's Bobby Dodd Award winner; RB Danyell Ferguson of Miami Columbus; DBs Jack Hallmon, Tony Coley and Chris Gibson, all part of the nation's finest group of defensive backs.

THE JEWEL: Typical Miami-type 'backer Twan Russell (6-2, 190) from Fort Lauderdale (Aquinas) who blocked three punts as a senior.

THE SLEEPER: Defensive lineman Kenny Holmes from Vero Beach, Fla., was well-known but 22 senior season sacks justifies an even bigger reputation.

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COLORADO:

California, here we come. Bill McCartney has rebuilt the Buffaloes in large part with California athletes (Eric Bieniemy and Darian Hagan), and the pipeline was well-greased again this year. Four California newcomers took the bait. Texas (4) and Louisiana (3) were the other major suppliers for McCartney, who successfully signed the type of athletes who will help him make the transition to a better-balanced attack which can hurt opponents through the air.

IMPACT SIGNEES: Matt Russell from Belleville East, Ill., and Greg Jones, the state's best player from Denver (Kennedy). Wide receiver Rae Carruth from Sacramento Valley, Calif., is also a real special teams threat.

THE JEWEL: 8-man football star running back Rashaan Salaam from San Diego Country Day, Calif., averaged 13 yards a carry. He missed three games with a sprained knee ligament.

THE SLEEPER: Offensive linemen Chris Naeole (6-4, 290) from Kahuku, Hawaii. It's harder to make a name for yourself in the islands, but both Arizona and Washington really wanted him.

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MICHIGAN:

The Wolverines recruited linemen and went everywhere in the country to do it. Harold Goodwin is from South Carolina, Rod Payne is from Florida, Tom Guynes is from Illinois and Eric Wendt is from Ohio. Only four signees are from Michigan. QB Eric Boykin from Dayton Meadowdale, Ohio, makes this the Big Ten's most well-rounded class.

IMPACT SIGNEES: From one end of the country to the other: The nation's finest wideout prospect, Amani Toomer, hails from Concord De Lasalle, Calif., while the finest 'backer in this year's class, Shawn Collins, will be coming in from Paterson, N.J.

THE JEWEL: It's either Toomer or Collins, although Pennsylvania athlete Ty Law from Aliquippa stands out because of his versatility.

THE SLEEPER: The Wolverines are very high on linebacker Steve Evans from Roxboro (Cushing Academy), Md.

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TEXAS A&M:

Only Miami recruited a better class of DBs. Texans Sherrod Wyatt, Chris Colon, Andre Williams, Cedric Williams and Typhail McMullen also tell you another thing about this group. Like last year, every signee is an in-stater. Running back recruits have found the Aggies impossible to resist in recent times and once again A&M struck gold in this department. Fullback Detron Smith of Dallas (Lake Highlands) averaged 10 "pancake blocks" per game.

IMPACT SIGNEES: Wide receiver Danny McCray is as fast as any in the country with his 4.3 speed. RB Leeland McElroy (5-10, 185), the *Super Prep* Southwest Offensive Player-of-the-Year, combines dazzling speed and excellent tackle-breaking ability. DB Wyatt is by all accounts one of the top 5 in the country.

THE JEWEL: QB Corey Pullig, who had previously committed to Notre Dame, combines excellent passing as well as running ability.

THE SLEEPER: Nose guard Dez Delatorre (6-0, 275) from Irving (Nimitz) is short but incredibly strong.

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CLEMSON:

Nineteen of this year's signees were from out-of-state. The nation's finest group of linebackers booked a trip to Death Valley and an incredible group of runners will also be touching Howard's Rock before games. Conversely, not one single wide-out signed up.

IMPACT SIGNEES: Quarterbacks Dexter McCleon from Meridian, Miss., and QB Patrick Sapp from Jacksonville (Raines) Fla.

THE JEWEL: RB Tony Desue, who broke records set by former Penn State star D. J. Dozier (3,756 yards, 42 TDs) in three years at Virginia Beach Kempsville, Va., could end up as a DB.

THE SLEEPER: Defensive lineman Carlos Curry (6-3, 275) from Decatur (Columbia), Ga., was credited with over 500 tackles in his career.

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NOTRE DAME:

Throughout most of December and all of January it looked as though the Irish could sign this year's #1 group. The final 72 hours proved dastardly for South Bend fans however as QB Tommie Frazier gave them the cold shoulder and RB Danyell Ferguson chose to stay home and attend Miami. Their needs on both sides of the trenches were met however, with the signing of 10 linemen. The year's superior TE class is the best part of the offense. The defensive line is unbelievably talented.

IMPACT SIGNEES: Two DBs: Bobby Taylor of Longview, Texas, and Brian Magee of Largo, Fla. Defensive lineman Anthony Jones from Oak Lawn (Richards), Ill., tight ends Leon Wallace from Euless (Trinity), Texas, and Pete Chrylewicz out of Sterling Heights (Stevenson), Mich., and OLB Alton Maiden from Dallas (Carter).

THE JEWEL: OLB Thomas Knight, the best prospect in Tennessee (6-4, 230), is as versatile as they come for a big man.

THE SLEEPER: Sleepers are hard to find for the Irish because ND generally recruits the highest-profile kids in every state. And if ND recruits you, you become high-profile. The least known signee is QB Wade Smith from Garland, Texas.

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FLORIDA STATE:

In-state 'backers Travis Sherman, Henri Crockett and Todd Rebol are the defensive backbone. Superior offensive speed recruited in both the backfield as well as at the wide-out spots. TEs Terry Davis from Columbus (Kendrick) Ga., and Michael Hendricks from Baytown (Sterling), Texas, are also exceptional.

IMPACT SIGNEES: WRs Tamarick Vanover and Wayne Messam; Tallahassee RB Michael Gibson; defensive lineman Connell Spain and DBs Harold Battles and Sean Hamlet from Hampton, Va.

THE JEWEL: QB Danny Kanell, the 6-foot-5, 205 pound slingshot from the small-school competition with big-league coaching. Kanell is a great baseball player too.

THE SLEEPER: Sean Liss, punter. This Gulfport, Fla., native has the strongest leg in America. He could have a huge impact for the 'Noles in future close games.

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TEXAS:

Fastest finishing class in the country. Only four recruits had officially visited the Austin campus as of January 17, just 18 days before letter-of-intent day. John Mackovic put this class together remarkably fast and stocked players at the offensive skill positions which are capable of scoring points for the Longhorns—and that's what he was hired to do. Excellent defensive linemen and linebackers were inked as well.

IMPACT SIGNEES: WRs Lovell Pinckney from Wash, D.C. and Mike Adams from Arlington. Texas signed only one offensive lineman, but Houston's Dan Neil was regarded by all as one of the top three in the state. Also signed was San Antonio's Anthony Holmes, who rushed for 2,043 senior season yards.

THE JEWEL: QB Shea Morenz, the 1992 *Super Prep* Player-of-the-Year. He will immediately contend for playing time and could have the same impact on the Longhorns as Eric Zeier did last year for Georgia. Shea is a pro-style passer with good mobility.

THE SLEEPER: San Antonio DB/LB Jonathan Hickerson, who is recovering from a knee injury, blocked five kicks as a senior.

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1.	Shea Morenz	6-2	190	4.8	San Angelo, TX	Texas
2.	Danny Kanell	6-5	205	4.9	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Florida State
3.	Chris Walsh	6-2	190	4.75	St. Paul, MN	Miami
4.	Tommy Frazier	6-0	190	4.5	Bradenton, FL	Nebraska
5.	Ryan Driscoll	6-4	200	4.8	Marion, IA	Iowa
6.	Corey Pullig	6-3	205	4.6	Deer Park, TX	Texas A&M
7.	Eric Boykin	6-4	195	4.6	Dayton, OH	Michigan
8.	Dexter McCleon	5-11	185	4.5	Meridian, MS	Clemson
9.	Chad David	6-1	185	4.75	San Diego, CA	Oklahoma
10.	Wally Richardson	6-4	200	4.75	Sumter, SC	Penn State
11.	Danny Wuerffel	6-3	195	4.7	Ft. Walton Bch, FL	Florida

RUNNING BACKS

1.	Steve Davis	6-2	217	4.45	Spartanburg, SC	Auburn
2.	Travis McGuire	6-0	180	4.45	Massillon, OH	Ohio State
3.	Danyell Ferguson	5-11	190	4.4	Miami, FL	Miami
4.	Dwayne Mobley	5-11	210	4.6	Brooksville, FL	Florida
5.	Leeland McElroy	5-10	185	4.4	Beaumont, TX	Texas A&M
6.	Robert Davis	5-11	180	4.4	Birmingham, AL	LSU
7.	Michael Thompson	6-1	185	4.4	Clovin, NM	Oklahoma
8.	Brandell Jackson	5-11	200	4.5	Brenham, TX	Baylor
9.	Jeff Frazier	6-2	210	4.4	Westmoore, OK	Oklahoma
10.	Dwayne Chandler	6-0	210	4.6	Aberdeen, MS	Oklahoma
11.	Rashaan Salaam	6-1	195	4.4	San Diego, CA	Colorado
12.	Wood Hankins	5-9	180	4.55	Owasso, OK	Michigan
13.	Mike McFarlane	6-2	230	4.55	Westwood, MA	Iowa
14.	David Dotson	5-10	190	4.5	Moreno, CA	Southern Cal

TIGHT ENDS

1.	David Lafleur	6-6	250	4.8	Westlake, LA	LSU
2.	Pete Chryplewicz	6-5	240	4.65	Sterling Heights, MI	Notre Dame
3.	Leon Wallace	6-5	285	4.85	Eules, TX	Notre Dame
4.	Adam Meadows	6-6	250	4.8	Powder Springs, GA	Georgia
5.	Curtis Turner	6-5	210	4.7	Scott City, KS	Kansas State
6.	Kris Mangum	6-5	245	4.8	Magee, MS	Alabama

KICKER/PUNTER

1.	Eric Abrams	5-8	170		San Diego, CA	Stanford
2.	Sean Liss	6-5	200		Gulfport, FL	Florida State

WIDE RECEIVERS

1.	Amni Toomer	6-3	180	4.5	Concord, CA	Michigan
2.	Jason Shelly	6-2	170	4.5	Vallejo, CA	Washington
3.	Lovell Pinckney	6-5	205	4.55	Washington, DC	Texas
4.	Eddie Kennison	6-0	175	4.3	Lake Charles, LA	LSU
5.	Monty Means	6-3	185	4.6	Union, SC	South Carolina
6.	Derrick Mayes	6-2	190	4.55	Indianapolis, IN	Notre Dame
7.	Juan Daniels	6-1	175	4.5	Norcross, GA	Georgia
8.	Freddie Scott	6-0	175	4.5	Detroit, MI	Penn State
9.	Rae Carruth	6-0	190	4.5	Sacramento, CA	Colorado
10.	Mercury Hayes	5-11	180	4.4	Houston, TX	Michigan

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

1.	Reggie Green	6-8	300	5.4	Bradenton, FL	Florida
2.	Korey Stringer	6-5	295	5.0	Warren Hardin, OH	Ohio State

3.	Jeff Buckey	6-5	285	5.1	Bakersfield, CA	Stanford
4.	Calvin Collins	6-2	270	4.9	Beaumont, TX	Texas A&M
5.	Thomas Guynes	6-5	270	5.0	Kankakee, IL	Michigan
6.	Jonathan Ogden	6-8	330	5.4	Washington, DC	UCLA
7.	Larry Wright	6-4	270	5.0	Jacksonville, FL	South Carolina
8.	Pete Marczyk	6-4	280	5.1	Absecon, NJ	Penn State
9.	Boris Oden	6-5	270	5.1	Decatur, GA	Penn State
10.	K.C. Jones	6-3	245	4.9	Midland, TX	Miami
11.	Dan Neil	6-3	270	5.1	Houston, TX	Texas
12.	Paul Grasmanis	6-4	260	4.85	Jenison, MI	Notre Dame

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

1.	Anthony Jones	6-5	250	4.8	Oak Lawn, IL	Notre Dame
2.	Cameron Davis	6-4	240	4.6	St. Thomas, FL	Florida
3.	Thomas Knight	6-4	230	4.85	Memphis, TN	Notre Dame
4.	Marcus Jones	6-6	245	4.8	SW Onslow, NC	North Carolina
5.	Shane Burton	6-6	238	4.9	Catawba, NC	Tennessee
6.	Cedric Jones	6-4	235	4.7	Houston, TX	Oklahoma
7.	Mike McCullough	6-3	270	5.0	Chaska, MN	Notre Dame
8.	Jeff Mitchell	6-4	250	4.9	Clearwater, FL	Florida
9.	Larry Townsend	6-5	275	4.95	San Jose, CA	Nebraska
10.	John Browning	6-5	240	4.8	Miami, FL	West Virginia

LINEBACKERS

1.	Shawn Collins	6-3	210	4.6	Paterson, NJ	Michigan
2.	Scott Freeney	6-3	235	4.6	Athens, GA	Syracuse
3.	Matt Russell	6-2	235	4.65	Belleville, IL	Colorado
4.	Bernard Randolph	6-3	240	4.65	Pendleton, SC	Clemson
5.	James Gillyard	6-6	220	4.55	Shreveport, LA	LSU
6.	Greg Jones	6-5	215	4.6	Denver, CO	Colorado
7.	Justin Morabito	6-1	225	4.7	Bethlehem, PA	Stanford
8.	Alton Maiden	6-3	225	4.7	Dallas, TX	Notre Dame
9.	James Bates	6-2	215	4.6	Sevierville, TN	Florida
10.	William Morris	6-2	235	4.7	Chicago, IL	Illinois

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1.	Bobby Taylor	6-4	190	4.5	Longview, TX	Notre Dame
2.	Sherrod Wyatt	6-2	185	4.5	Dallas, TX	Texas A&M
3.	Brian Magee	5-11	195	4.4	Largo, FL	Notre Dame
4.	Lawyer Milloy	6-1	180	4.6	Tacoma, WA	Washington
5.	Billy Coats	5-8	175	4.5	Arlington, TX	Iowa
6.	Ron Nealy	5-10	170	4.55	Concordville, PA	South Carolina
7.	Chris Colon	6-3	205	4.5	Deer Park, TX	Texas A&M
8.	Ty Howard	5-11	175	4.4	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
9.	Todd Rebol	6-1	210	4.6	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida State

ATHLETES

1.	Richard Brooks	6-2	200	4.55	Pittsburgh, PA	Georgia Tech
2.	Tony Desue	6-0	195	4.43	Virginia Beach, VA	Clemson
3.	Danny McCray	6-0	178	4.35	Killeen, TX	Texas A&M
4.	Tamarick Vanover	6-2	190	4.4	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
5.	Carlos Jones	5-11	175	4.4	Marrero, LA	Miami
6.	Ty Law	6-0	185	4.45	Aliquippa, PA	Michigan
7.	Cleveland Smith	6-1	198	4.5	Moreno Valley, CA	California
8.	Scott Fields	6-2	200	4.6	La Puente, CA	Southern Cal

NOTE: Heights and weights may vary due to having various sources.

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OKLAHOMA:

Now that Cale Gundy has established the pass in Soonerville, wide receivers have decided Norman, Okla., is a much more attractive place. Receivers, running backs and a terrific quarterback dominate this class, which also includes athletes from Texas, a state this program has to recruit from as well.

IMPACT SIGNEES: The finest group of running back signees in the country featuring Dwayne Chandler, Aberdeen, Miss.; Jeff Frazier, Westmoore, Okla., who runs a 4.4 forty at 6-foot-2, 210 pounds; and New Mexico Player-of-the-Year Michael Thompson of Clovis.

THE JEWEL: San Diego QB Chad Davis who threw for 9,332 career passing yards. The Sooners had all their eggs in this youngster's basket. They had to get him and they did. When Chad committed to the Sooners, other high-profiles decided to join the fold.

THE SLEEPER: Lineman Mark Manuel (6-6, 240) from Houston (Yates).

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IOWA:

Four youngsters from Texas dot the Hawk signing list, supplying this small 14-man group with the speed they needed in the secondary and the offensive backfield. They only signed two linemen but both Ian Davis from Pekin, Ill., and Ted Serama from Chicago Heights, Ill., were prep All-Americans. Only two in-state kids signed scholarships.

IMPACT SIGNEES: Big running back (6-3, 225) Michael McFarlane from Westwood, Mass., restocks the team with a "Nick Bell-like" player and Texas speed merchant Sedric Shaw (6-1, 185) can also run with power. Super Prep Southwest Defensive Player-of-the-Year Bly Coats from Arlington (Lamar), Texas, has the ability to excel at the corner position.

THE JEWEL: Cedar Rapids' QB Ryan Driscoll (6-4, 200) is a big-time thrower they had to keep from leaving the state. He threw for 3,654 yds and will also play baseball for the Hawks.

THE SLEEPER: DB Artis Jackson from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., used his 10.4 speed to block four punts as a junior, but he didn't play as a senior because of age restriction.

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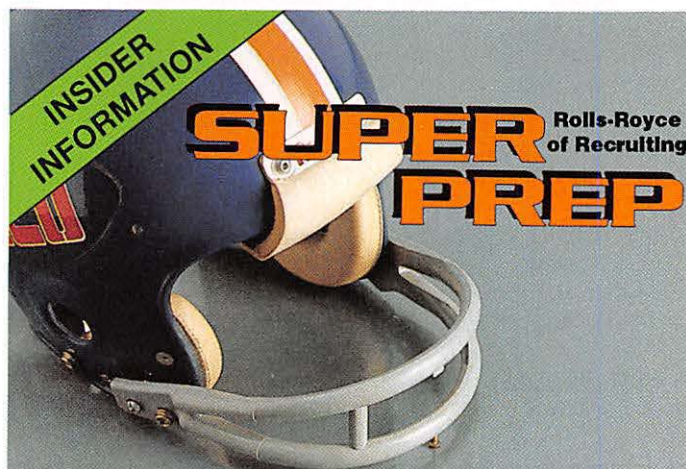
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Super Prep's TOP 50 SENIORS TO WATCH

	Ht.	Wt.	40-Time	Hometown/High School		Ht.	Wt.	40-Time	Hometown/High School
QUARTERBACKS					CHRIS KURPEIKIS 6-7 285 5.1 PITT/CENTRAL CATH, PA				
THAD BUSBY	6-3	200	4.7	PENSACOLA/PACE, FL	DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
TIM CAREY	6-4	170	4.9	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	BILLY BERON	6-4	260	4.9	METAIRIE/RUMMEL, LA
JEFF HECKLINSKI	6-4	210	4.9	PALATINE, IL	CHRIS BROWN	6-4	260	5.0	KC/BISHOP HOGAN, MO
RON POWLUS	6-4	210	4.8	BERWICK, PA	WILLIAM CARR	6-2	260	4.85	DALLAS/CARTER, TX
RUNNING BACKS					ERIC DOTSON	6-4	275	5.0	PASCAGOULA, MS
JAMES ALLEN	5-11	200	4.5	WYNNEWOOD, OK	GERMAINE GRAY	6-5	245	4.85	RIALTO/EISENHOWER, CA
CHRIS DICKERSON	6-2	220	4.5	CONCORDVILLE/GLEN MILLS, PA	BRUCE THOMPSON	6-4	275	4.80	FT. WORTH/WYATT, TX
KEVIN FRANKLIN	5-10	175	4.5	BATON ROUGE/CATHOLIC, LA	LINEBACKERS				
JAY GRAHAM	6-0	210	4.5	CONCORD, NC	J.J. BROWN	6-3	240	4.8	CHESTERFIELD, SC
AMEL JACKSON	5-6	170	4.45	MARIETTA, GA	MIKE ELSTON	6-5	220	4.8	ST MARY'S/MEMORIAL, OH
DION MARION	6-1	185	4.4	KILLEEN, TX	ROB SWETT	6-2	225	4.65	DOYLESTOWN/CEN. BUCKS WEST, PA
MIKE MITCHELL	6-0	215	4.5	PHOENIX/BROPHY PREP, AZ	AARON THOMAS	6-4	220	4.6	ELMHURST/IMMACULATE CON., IL
CHARLES TALLEY	6-0	200	4.35	PONTIAC/NORTHERN, MI	ALLEN WILBON	6-2	220	4.6	DALLAS/KIMBALL, TX
WIDE RECEIVERS					FRANKLIN WISEMAN	6-1	190	4.5	VALDOSTA, GA
JAMMI GERMAN	5-11	175	4.5	FT MYERS, FL	DEFENSIVE BACKS				
TRENT JONES	5-9	165	4.4	MIAMI/PALMETTO, FL	GREG MELVIN	6-3	210	4.4	VIRGINIA BEACH/BAYSIDE, VA
MAURICE MEBANE	6-4	200	4.5	BURLINGTON/CUMMINGS, NC	EVAN O'FERRAL	5-11	190	4.5	BROOKHAVEN/BELLPORT, NY
TONY SIMMONS	6-1	180	4.5	CHICAGO/ST. RITA, IL	ANDRE PAM	5-11	185	4.4	SYRACUSE/NOTTINGHAM, NY
MARQUIS MOSELY	6-2	180	4.5	BLOOMINGTON, IL	JAMEL WILLIAMS	6-2	190	4.55	MERRILLVILLE, IN
TIGHT ENDS					ATHLETES				
JESSIE McCOVERY	6-3	235	4.7	MOBILE/THEODORE, AL	STAIS BOSEMAN	6-3	170	4.4	INGLEWOOD/MORNINGSIDE, CA
DULAYNE MORGAN	6-4	220	4.6	ELIZABETH, NJ	CY BUTLER	5-10	185	4.5	WESTON, MA
TARAS ROSS	6-4	225	4.45	DADE CITY/PASCO, FL	BYRON CAPERS	6-3	190	4.5	MARIETTA/WHEELER, GA
TIM WATSON	6-3	225	4.75	LINWOOD/MAINLAND REGIONAL, NJ	MARC EDWARDS	6-2	220	4.6	CINCINNATI/NORWOOD, OH
RHODNEY WILLIAMS	6-6	240	4.7	PALATAKA, FL	ZACK McCALL	6-2	190	4.5	FITCHBURG, MA
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN					CARL McCULLOUGH	6-2	190	4.5	ST. PAUL/CRETIN-DURHAM HALL, MN
WILLIE ANDERSON	6-5	300	5.2	MOBILE/VIGOR, AL	KICKER/PUNTER				
ERIC CHANDLER	6-8	325	5.3	INDIANAPOLIS/LAWRENCE N., IN	SCOTT BENTLEY	6-1	175	4.55	AURORA, CO
WILL FRIEND	6-4	270	5.0	PHILADELPHIA/NESHOPA CENTRAL, MS					

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OHIO STATE:

Winner of this year's Biggest-Improvement-Over-The-Previous-Year Award after the Buckeyes lost numerous in-state blue-chippers and nailed a 1991 recruiting derby rank of 36. Superior runners, linebackers, tight ends and offensive linemen, including the man they absolutely could not let get away and beat Michigan to get — 6-foot-6, 310-pound Korey Stringer from Warren Harding. The late decision by QB Joe Pickens to transfer to Duke left a big hole, with no time to fill it.

IMPACT SIGNEES: LB Jayson Gwinn and DB Ty Howard, both from Columbus; TE D.J. Jones, a 6-foot-5, 250 pounder out of Lebanon, Ohio, and Stringer, of course.

THE JEWEL: RB Travis McGuire, the *Super Prep* Midwest Offensive Player-of-the-Year who enrolled early at Ohio State during the spring, was as versatile as any offensive back in the U.S.

THE SLEEPER: RB Eddie George, 6-foot-3, 225, Fork Union (Military), Va.

NOTRE DAME

FIGHTING IRISH

ND PLANS TO HAVE FUN, BUT GET STINGY, ON DEFENSE

By ERIC HANSEN



Lou Holtz was reeking of Gatorade when he fired the first shot.

It was moments after Notre Dame's 39-28 upset of Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 that the Notre

Dame head football coach canned himself as the team's self-appointed defensive coordinator.

If the Irish players have their way, Holtz will relinquish his duties as fashion coordinator as well this season. Notre Dame sported a look in that game — white jerseys with green numerals and green socks — that several N.D. players likened to Gumby.

But rarely did Notre Dame look better on defense toward the end of the 1991 season than in the Sugar Bowl, which is why the departure of the real defensive coordinator, Gary Darnell, shortly thereafter was hardly a shock.

Darnell, who stayed two seasons in South Bend, landed at Texas, where he'll coach on the offensive side of the ball and attend to administrative duties. While Holtz publicly denied a rift existed between the two coaches, the fact remains: he took over the defense following back-to-back losses to Tennessee (35-34) and Penn State (35-13).

In Darnell's defense, the injuries suffered by the Irish on defense were staggering. But so were the numbers produced against that defense.

Notre Dame (10-3 in 1991) ranked 84th out of 106 Division I-A schools against the run in 1991 and was no better than 53rd nationally in any other defensive category.

The Irish do return 10 starters on the defensive unit, but that could be perceived as either good news or bad news.

"I'd have to say the biggest question mark on this team is still defense," Holtz said. "Somebody asked me to evaluate myself as a defensive coordinator. What we did is we had some fun. We played with some competitiveness and some confidence. And that's all I wanted to do — have some fun playing."

Rick Minter, 37, is the new man in charge of "fun", and one of five new members of Holtz's staff. He came from Ball State and is big on slogans, even bigger on preparation.

The other newcomers are:

- Mike Trgovac, a former Michigan defensive line standout who will coach the defensive line.

- Joe Wessel, the new outside linebackers coach and a volunteer assistant coach with the Irish in 1991 after turning down a paying position, ironically, with former Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust last year at Akron.

- Earle Mosely, a Vietnam veteran who comes over from Temple, who will coach the running backs.

- And former Notre Dame stand-out quarterback Tom Clements, perhaps the most intriguing of the new assistants.

The 38-year-old Clements left a successful Chicago law firm to take the Irish quarterbacks coaching opening, his first-ever coaching job. To which Holtz quipped, "It's a win-win situation. If he can't coach, at least we've got another lawyer off the streets."

The high turnover in assistants this season can presumably be read as a house-cleaning, but it is not conclusive.

First of all, since taking over as head coach at Notre Dame in 1986, Holtz has never had the same staff from one season to the next. In fact, during the 101 years of Notre Dame football, the Irish have had 116 assistant coaches. Including the new additions for this season, more than one-fifth of those have worked for Holtz, N.D.'s 13th head coach.

Some jumped and some were pushed. To Holtz's credit, he generally goes out of his way to provide a parachute in either case, another reason the distinction is blurred.

Interestingly, for the first time in recent memory, Holtz's own departure isn't rumored to be imminent. He signed a five-year contract in December, largely to serve that end.

Notre Dame executive vice-president Junior fullback Jerome Bettis, 6-foot, 247-pound Sugar Bowl MVP, rushed for 972 yards during the regular season as well as scoring a school-record 20 TDs.

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NOTRE DAME AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Quarterback and fullback. Offensive and defensive line. Linebackers and kicking game. Abundance of speed and depth in the skill positions. Tight end and fullback.

Possible Weaknesses: Secondary, while talented, makes numerous mistakes which lead to "big plays".

Players to Watch: Jerome Bettis, FB; Reggie Brooks, RB; Jeff Burris, CB; Tom Carter, CB; Willie Clark, DB/RB; Lake Dawson, WR (questionable due to personal reasons); Demetrius DuBose, LB; Oliver Gibson, NT; Justin Hall, OT (questionable due to academics); Craig Hentrich, K/P; Clint Johnson, WR; Eric Jones, DT; Dean Lytle, FB; Oscar McBride, TE; Devon McDonald, OLB; Mike Miller, WR; Rick Mirer, QB; Irv Smith, TE; Aaron Taylor, OG; Bryant Young, DT.



SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
54	Leroy Adams	C	Jr.	6-3	256	Wapato, WI	33	Greg Lane	CB	Jr.	5-9	176	Austin, TX
20	Mark Andrzejewski	SS	So.	5-8	164	South Bend	72	Ryan Leahy	OG	So.	6-4	284	Yakima, WA
43	John-Paul Augeri	CB	Jr.	5-10	173	Newburyport, MA	22	Rob Leonard	K	Jr.	6-1	189	Decatur, GA
1	Huntley Bakich	DE	So.	6-2	203	Carrollton, TX	38	Rick Lozano	TB	Sr.	5-10	189	Bayard, NM
63	Jason Beckwith	OG	Jr.	6-2	238	Edwardsburg, MI	55	Dean Lytle	FB	Jr.	6-3	221	Brevard, NC
42	Lee Becton	TB	So.	6-0	189	Ernul, NC	11	Tom MacDonald	QB	So.	5-11	175	Chesterfield, MO
47	Pete Bercich	LB	Jr.	6-1	230	Mokena, IL	57	Bernard Mannely	DT	Sr.	6-4	273	Marletta, GA
24	Jon Bergmann	ILB	Jr.	6-0	198	Walker, MN	26	Drew Marsh	K	Jr.	6-0	185	San Angelo, TX
6	Jerome Bettis	FB	Jr.	6-0	247	Detroit, MI	80	Oscar McBride	TE	Jr.	6-5	251	Chiefland, FL
41	Reggie Brooks	TB	Sr.	5-8	200	Tulsa, OK	45	Devon McDonald	DE	Sr.	6-4	241	Paterson, NJ
95	Junior Bryant	DT	Sr.	6-5	263	Omaha, NE	15	Kevin McDougal	QB	Jr.	6-2	182	Pompano Beach, FL
9	Jeff Burris	FS	Jr.	6-0	194	Rock Hill, SC	89	Karmeeleyah McGill	DE	Sr.	6-3	224	Clearwater, FL
13	Tom Carter	CB	Jr.	5-11	184	St. Petersburg, FL	70	Mike McGinn	OT	Jr.	6-6	265	Kansas City, MO
12	Matt Casey	QB	So.	6-1	188	St. Louis, MO	34	Brian Meter	CB	Jr.	5-7	152	Saginaw, MI
32	Willie Clark	TB	Jr.	5-10	181	Wheatland, CA	83	Mike Miller	SE	So.	5-7	155	Missouri City, TX
29	John Covington	SS	Jr.	6-2	197	Winter Haven, FL	3	Rick Mirer	QB	Sr.	6-2	217	Goshen
41	Reggie Brooks	TB	Sr.	5-8	200	Tulsa, OK	23	LaRon Moore	SE	So.	5-9	173	Indianapolis
87	Lake Dawson	FL	Jr.	6-1	202	Federal Way, WA	58	Jeremy Nau	LB	So.	6-4	226	Hammond
31	Demetrius DuBose	LB	Sr.	6-2	234	Seattle, WA	66	Todd Norman	OG	Jr.	6-6	289	Huntington Beach, CA
27	Tracy Graham	SS	So.	5-10	187	Chicago, IL	16	Chris Parenti	QB	Jr.	5-11	193	Hinsdale, IL
14	Ray Griggs	FL	Sr.	6-1	195	University Park, IL	18	Kevin Pengergast	K	Sr.	5-10	160	Simsbury, CT
19	Jim Guerrero	QB	Sr.	6-0	176	Sanduskey, OH	49	Anthony Peterson	LB	Jr.	6-0	217	Monongahela, PA
20	Lamar Guillory	CB	Sr.	5-9	190	Tulsa, OK	82	William Pollard	SE	Sr.	6-5	220	Fort Knox, KY
73	Justin Hall	OT	Sr.	6-4	297	Dallas, TX	14	Stephen Pope	FS	Jr.	6-3	199	Chehalis, WA
78	Jordan Halter	OT	Sr.	6-7	296	Troy, MI	98	J.T. Profit	DT	Jr.	6-1	269	Atlanta, GA
90	Brian Hamilton	DT	Jr.	6-3	263	Chicago, IL	46	Brian Ratigan	LB	Sr.	6-4	226	Council Bluffs, IA
28	Craig Hentrich	K-P	Sr.	6-1	197	Godfrey, IL	68	Jeff Riney	C	So.	6-5	254	Sterling, IL
52	Germaine Holden	DE	So.	6-4	240	Anderson, SC	39	Marvin Robinson	CB	Jr.	5-8	176	Tampa, FL
85	Robert Hughes	TE	Jr.	6-7	256	Syracuse, NY	61	Tim Ruddy	C	Jr.	6-3	278	Dunmore, PA
10	Adrian Jarrell	FL	Sr.	6-0	194	Athens, GA	2	LeShane Saddler	SS	Jr.	5-11	193	Waterloo, IA
8	Clint Johnson	FL	Jr.	5-8	179	Altamonte Springs, FL	36	Jeremy Sample	FB	So.	5-11	213	Woodridge, IL
59	Lance Johnson	C	Sr.	6-1	265	Charlotte, NC	91	Rich Sauget	TE	So.	6-4	218	Sauget, IL
13	Matt Johnson	QB	Sr.	5-11	192	Kokomo	84	Irv Smith	TE	Sr.	6-4	246	Browns Mills, NJ
81	Eric Jones	DT	Sr.	6-5	254	Portage	30	Nick Smith	DE	Sr.	6-2	219	Cincinnati, OH
65	Lindsay Knapp	OT	Sr.	6-6	271	Deerfield, IL	24	Charles Stafford	SE	So.	5-10	176	Bartlett, IL
53	Jim Kordas	OT	So.	6-5	267	Chicago, IL	50	Greg Stec	DT	So.	6-2	236	LaGrange, IL
62	Chet Lacheta	OG	Sr.	6-2	279	Chicago Heights, IL	77	Todd Stoker	DT	Sr.	6-3	282	Fairview, NJ
17	Matt Lahey	CB	Sr.	6-1	165	Neenah, WI	19	Mark Swenson	FL	Jr.	5-8	152	San Antonio, TX
88	Mike Lali	FS	Sr.	5-11	201	Manassas, VA	92	John Taliaferro	DT	So.	6-4	226	Riva, MD
							75	Aaron Taylor	OG	Jr.	6-4	294	Concord, CA
							51	Stuart Tyner	OG	Sr.	6-4	273	Tomball, TX
							22	Shawn Wooden	CB	So.	5-10	177	Willow Grove, PA
							97	Bryant Young	DT	Jr.	6-3	271	Chicago Heights, IL
							79	Tyler Young	DT	So.	6-4	251	Bethlehem, PA
							67	Mark Zataveski	OG	So.	6-6	282	Roslyn, PA
							34	Ray Zellars	FB	So.	5-11	203	Pittsburgh, PA

FIGHTING IRISH OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
3	Rick Mirer*	Senior
7	Paul Failla	Sophomore
Number	Tailback	Year
41	Reggie Brooks	Senior
42	Lee Becton	Sophomore
Number	Fullback	Year
6	Jerome Bettis*	Junior
55	Dean Lytle	Junior
Number	Split End	Year
8	Clint Johnson	Junior
10	Adrian Jarrell	Senior
Number	Flanker	Year
83	Michael Miller	Sophomore
14	Ray Griggs	Senior
Number	Tight End	Year
84	Irv Smith	Senior
80	Oscar McBride	Junior
Number	Quick Tackle	Year
72	Ryan Leahy	Sophomore
78	Jordan Halter	Senior
Number	Quick Guard	Year
66	Todd Norman	Junior
51	Stuart Tyner	Senior
Number	Center	Year
61	Tim Ruddy	Junior
59	Lance Johnson	Senior
Number	Strong Guard	Year
75	Aaron Taylor*	Junior
67	Mark Zataveski	Sophomore
Number	Strong Tackle	Year
65	Lindsay Knapp*	Senior
70	Mike McGinn	Junior

FIGHTING IRISH DEFENSE

Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
97	Bryant Young*	Junior
95	Junior Bryant	Senior
Number	Nose Tackle	Year
56	Oliver Gibson	Junior
79	Tyler Young	Sophomore
Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
81	Eric Jones*	Senior
90	Brian Hamilton	Junior
Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
89	Karmeeleyah McGill*	Senior
1	Huntley Bakich	Sophomore
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
31	Demetrius DuBose*	Senior
54	Justin Goheen	Sophomore
Number	Inside Linebacker	Year
49	Anthony Peterson	Junior
47	Pete Bercich*	Junior
Number	Outside Linebacker	Year
45	Devon McDonald*	Senior
52	Germaine Holden	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
13	Tom Carter*	Junior
23	LaRon Moore	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
33	Greg Lane	Junior
39	Marvin Robinson	Junior
Number	Strong Safety	Year
29	John Covington*	Junior
27	Tracy Graham	Sophomore
Number	Free-Safety	Year
9	Jeff Burris*	Junior
37	Travis Davis	Sophomore

* Denotes returning starters.

FIGHTING IRISH STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Mirer	234	132	2117	56.4	18	10
McDougal	8	5	46	62.5	0	0

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Bettis	168	972	5.8	53	16
Brooks	147	894	6.1	57	5
Culver	101	550	5.4	52	2

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
T. Smith	42	789	18.8	83	4
Dawson	24	433	18.0	49	1
Brown	22	325	14.8	55	4
Bettis	17	190	11.2	25	4

TACKLES

DuBose (127), R.Smith (69),
Bercich (69), Burris (63),
McDonald (60), Covington (58)

INTERCEPTIONS

Carter (5), R.Smith (3),
Burris (2), five players (1)

Coach: Lou Holtz

56-17-0, 6 years; 172-82-5 overall, 22 years

1991 Record: 10-3-0

Stadium: Notre Dame (59,075)

Lettermen Returning: 42

dent Rev. E. William Beauchamp said the university would not publicly discuss the salary figures of the contract, and asked Holtz to do the same. "No problem, Father," Holtz joked. "I'm as embarrassed about it as you are."

Holtz likely wouldn't have had as much time to work on his one-liners had quarterback Rick Mirer decided to leave with a year of eligibility remaining.

Mirer, voted captain for 1992 along with linebacker Demetrius DuBose, was eighth nationally in passing efficiency last season and set a school record for TD passes (18) as a junior.

The importance to the Irish of his return is underscored by the fact that Holtz is still looking for a backup quarterback. Sophomore Paul Failla probably has an edge, even though he divided his attention in the spring between football practice and playing for the Notre Dame baseball team.

But whoever emerges will be largely untested. Failla and junior Kevin McDougal threw only 10 passes last year.

Mirer, meanwhile, maintains he was never really close to going, that he wasn't frustrated with the simplicity of the Irish passing game and Notre Dame's lack of reliance on it, and that money had little to do with his decision.

Yet he did research his options extensively. And Holtz has promised a more wide-open attack — maybe. And Mirer never could get an accurate read on just how highly the pro scouts thought of him.

"At times it seemed interesting and appealing — and kind of scary," the senior from Goshen, Ind., said. "I think I'll have the Notre Dame family behind me until the day I die. I'll be a fat, old man and they'll still be my friends. I don't know if it would have been that way if I had gone."

"But I made up my mind that once I made the decision, I wasn't going to look back."

Junior fullback Jerome Bettis may face a similar decision after this season. The 6-foot, 247-pound Sugar Bowl MVP rushed for 972 yards during the regular season as well as scoring a school-record 20 TDs.

Southern California coach Larry

Smith called Bettis the best college fullback he's ever seen. And yet Holtz, besides taking a look at Bettis in a one-back set, toyed with him at tailback a little in spring drills.

Part of the thinking there was to give a longer look to backups Dean Lytle and Ray Zellars.

Lytle, a junior who moved over from defensive end, is a 6-foot-3, 221-pounder



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Rick Mirer was eighth nationally in passing efficiency last season and set a school record for TD passes (18) as a junior.

with sprinter's speed. In fact, he ran the 200-meter dash for the Irish track team.

The other reason for this change up was that the Irish could be thin at tailback. Junior Willie Clark, who started the year on offense each of the past two seasons and finished it on defense, was projected as the front-runner at tailback. But Clark was held out of spring drills for academic reasons.

And although it is assumed he would return in the fall, it wasn't guaranteed. Nor is Holtz's desire to leave him on offense.

"Willie Clark probably broke as many tackles as anyone we had last year," Holtz said, "even though he didn't carry the ball all that much."

"The guy has unbelievable elusiveness. I walk off the practice field saying 'did you see what he did today?' He's an excellent talent on offense, and I'll go to my grave feeling that way."

Clark's absence opened the door for senior Reggie Brooks, the younger brother of Tony Brooks, who was part of last year's tailback tag team. The younger Brooks has spent time on defense but more time buried on the tailback depth chart. He did, however, have a strong spring.

"One of the things the coaches were trying to get across to me was to run north and south," Brooks said. "I got caught dancing around. I never gave anybody a reason to consider me."

The only reason why senior tight end Irv Smith wasn't considered more is because he had All-American Derek Brown ahead of him. But now that Brown is gone, there are few who question whether Smith can be as good.

He is bigger, faster and stronger than last year. And in today's vernacular, he's more focused, too. Smith gave up baseball, which he had played until this spring.

Holtz paints the rest of the offense as question marks, but they're closer to options, and attractive ones at that.

At wide receiver, 5-foot-7, 155-pound Michael Miller has returned and so have the comparisons to former Irish all-purpose standout Raghib "Rocket" Ismail.

"That's something I can't run away from," Miller said.

He did run or walk away from Notre Dame after the second game of the season last fall. A combination of the frustration of a chronic hamstring injury, recurring homesickness and huge expectations prompted him to transfer closer to home, to the University of Houston.

He enrolled at Houston with the intentions of participating in track; but because he did not accept any athletic aid,

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Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Jeremy AKERS DL Prep Football Report No. 17 Atlantic Coast prospect... As a senior, had 97 tackles, 14 sacks, 5 recovered fumbles, and 4 caused fumbles... Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... Started on both offense and defense.	6-6, 258	Washington, D.C.	St. Albans
Joe BABEY LB Chosen 13th best linebacker in the nation by Max Emfinger... Led team with 150 tackles, recovered 3 fumbles, caused 2 fumbles, picked off 8 passes... Named to <i>Prep Football Report</i> list of Southeast Top 55 prospects.	6-3, 220	Louisville, KY	Trinity
Pete CHRYPLEWICZ TE Named top prospect in Michigan by <i>Detroit Free-Press</i> ... No. 8 prospect in the Midwest by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... Caught 41 passes for 606 yards and 3 TDs... Played linebacker, punter, place kicker... Averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds per game in basketball.	6-5, 235	Sterling Heights, MI	Stevenson
Ben FOOS DL Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... Had 83 tackles, 5 fumbles caused, 7 sacks, and 4 recovered fumbles... First-team All-State... Rated No. 26 prospect in Southeast by <i>Prep Football Report</i> .	6-4, 220	Louisville, KY	Trinity
Paul GRSMANIS DL No. 5 prospect in Michigan by <i>Detroit Free-Press</i> ... No. 15 prospect in the Midwest by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... As a senior, made 80 tackles and 8 sacks... Named No. 3 offensive guard in the nation by Max Emfinger.	6-3, 255	Jenison, MI	Jenison
Anthony JONES DE First-team <i>USA Today</i> and <i>Parade</i> All-American... No. 3 on <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-Midwest team... Had 95 tackles, 14 sacks, and 19 hurries, despite missing three games... State qualifier in shot-put and discus.	6-5, 249	Robbins, IL	Richards
Adam KANE OL Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... No. 21 Midwest prospect by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... All-State... As a senior, rated 85 percent on blocking assignments and did not permit a sack all season.	6-5, 245	Osceola, Penn	Penn
Thomas KNIGHT OLB Second-team <i>USA Today</i> All-American... No. 20 prospect in Southeast by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... No. 10 defensive end nationally by Max Emfinger... Made 158 tackles (103 solo), 23 sacks, and caused 4 fumbles in 1991.	6-4, 228	Memphis, TN	East
Will LYELL OL First-team <i>USA Today</i> All-American... No. 16 prospect in the Southeast by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... All-State... Named No. 12 defensive tackle in nation by Max Emfinger... Team ran 75 percent of plays behind him.	6-5, 245	Brandon, MS	Brandon
Brian MAJEE DB Second-team <i>USA Today</i> All-American... Chosen one of top nine DBs in the nation by <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> ... Had 100 tackles and 4 interceptions in 1991... Also, had 229 yards rushing and caught 23 passes for 404 yards and 4 TDs.	5-11, 195	Largo, FL	Largo
Alton MAIDEN OLB Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... Had 90 tackles and 13 sacks in 1991... No. 23 prospect in Southwest by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... No. 3 defensive end prospect nationally by Max Emfinger.	6-3, 225	Dallas, TX	Carter

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Derrick MAYES WR Rated the top prospect on <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Best-of-the-Midwest team... Named one of top ten receivers nationally by <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> ... In 1991, caught 43 passes for 736 yards and 4 TDs... Has 4.4 speed in the 40.	6-2, 190	Indianapolis	North Central
Mike McCULLOUGH DL <i>Parade</i> All-American... No. 7 prospect on <i>Detroit Free Press</i> Best-of-the-Midwest team... As a senior, had 150 tackles, 5 pass deflections, and 2 interceptions... Rushed for 1,554 yards and 16 TDs as a senior.	6-3, 265	Chaska, MN	Chaska
Steve MISERIC OL Among top 45 prospects in Midwest by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... On top 40 list of offensive tackles nationally by Max Emfinger... All-State, All-Catholic League.	6-5, 270	Skokie, IL	Loyola Academy
David QUIST DL No. 3 Midwest prospect by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... Chosen on top 15 defensive tackle list nationally by <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> ... Two-time All-State... Had 147 tackles and 13 sacks as a senior.	6-5, 235	Boulder, CO	Boulder
Wade SMITH QB Passed for 3,200 yards and 35 TDs in final two seasons, completing 61 percent of his passes... Threw for 340 yards in state playoff game... Outstanding basketball player.	6-4, 180	Garland, TX	Lakeview Centennial
Cliff STROUD DL Honorable mention <i>USA Today</i> All-American... No. 12 Eastern prospect by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... Made 83 tackles, 9 sacks, and caused 4 fumbles as a senior... First-team All-State... Member of basketball and track teams.	6-4, 250	Tarentum, PA	Highlands
Bobby TAYLOR DB First-team <i>USA Today</i> and <i>Parade</i> All-American... One of top nine DBs nationally by <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> ... Top free safety in the nation by Max Emfinger... All-Southwest Defensive Player-of-the-Year... In 1991, had 71 tackles, 4 interceptions, 3 fumble recoveries, 2 punt returns for TD.	6-4, 190	Longview, TX	Longview
Bill WAGASY LB An All-State performer regarded as excellent sideline-to-sideline pursuer... As a senior, he had 145 tackles, 6 QB sacks, 3 fumble recoveries, 3 fumbles caused... ND won a recruiting battle with Southern California... Wagasy's father was coached by USC Coach Larry Smith in high school.	6-1, 235	Springfield, MO	Glendale
Leon WALLACE TE Sixth best in Southwest... <i>Prep Football Report</i> All-American... A solid blocker with good hands... He had 68 career receptions for 935 yards, 12 TDs.	6-5, 245	Bedford, TX	Trinity
Rinaldo WYNN OLB No. 20 Midwest prospect by <i>Prep Football Report</i> ... Ranked one of top LB prospects in Chicago area... As a senior, he had 50 solo tackles, 3 interceptions... Picked ND over Colorado and the Big Ten.	6-3, 222	Chicago, IL	DeLaSalle
Dusty ZEIGLER OL Considered finest OL prospect in state of Georgia... A preseason <i>Super Prep</i> All-American, and rated among Top 200 by <i>Prep Football Report</i> .	6-5, 235	Rincon, GA	Effingham County

SPRING UPDATE

Fullback Jerome Bettis was voted the MVP of Notre Dame's spring game after rushing for 110 yards on 13 carries and two TDs in the Blue's 28-22 victory. Blue quarterback Rick Mirer lined up as a split end for a few plays, but was never thrown to.

As a QB, Mirer was 13-of-23 for 190 yards with two TDs for the winning Blue team. Mirer, who heads into the season with the identical career passing yardage figure (4,121) that former N.D. standout Joe Montana finished his college career with, threw just one interception in the course of spring practice.

Gold tackle Bryant Young was voted the Outstanding Defensive Player of the spring game, with seven tackles and a fumble recovery.

Talk show host Regis Philbin, a Notre Dame alumnus, was the honorary coach for the losing Gold team.

Two senior defensive linemen, expected to be contributors in 1992, are instead through for their careers.

Troy Ridgley's Jan. 22 arrest for public intoxication and resisting arrest was the last bit of turmoil Notre Dame was willing to tolerate. Ridgley pleaded guilty. He was ordered to pay court costs and to serve sixth months on non-reporting parole.

Todd Stoker's career ended when he was unable to come back from reconstructive knee surgery.

William Pollard (shoulder), LeShane Saddler (knee) and Craig Hentrich (knee) all missed spring drills because of injuries.

In addition to personnel changes on the Notre Dame coaching staff, Irish head coach Lou Holtz made another change that sounds trivial to just about everyone but Holtz.

"We've changed our locker room and the nature of it," he said. "I think that's a very, very important change and it's going to be a very, very positive thing."

"It was very difficult to communicate or have much intermingling between players before."

Holtz closed practice to the media the last two weeks of spring drills, apparently in response to some of the offensive experimentation being reported in the local newspaper.

Notre Dame's Nov. 14 matchup with Penn State is the last game scheduled in that series, as the Nittany Lions move into the Big Ten in 1993.

Mirer and linebacker Demetrius DuBose were selected captains for the 1992 season.

the door was left open for a quick and complication-free return to Notre Dame.

"I needed time to grow up," he said. "Nobody could help me through that period. I had to do it myself."

Miller will likely help out in the return game, where Holtz's Irish teams have traditionally excelled. In Holtz's six seasons, Notre Dame has returned 16 punts or kickoffs for TDs, compared to one for N.D.'s opponents.

Clint Johnson, Adrian Jarrell and Ray Griggs are among the others to choose from at wide receiver. And junior Lake Dawson, Notre Dame's second-leading receiver in '91, could join them if he clears up what the university refers to as "personal problems unrelated to football."

Dawson withdrew from school in late February.

Had there not been doubts about fifth-year senior Justin Hall's return, Holtz's concerns about the offensive line would have sounded more like his poor-mouthing act.

Hall, like Clark, missed spring drills

for academic reasons. And his return was not a sure thing.

Craig Hentrich, one of the country's top place-kickers and punters, is another unknown, but only because of an injury. He suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right (kicking) knee in the Tennessee game, Nov. 9, then reaggravated it in the Sugar Bowl.

Also coming back from injuries are a pair of starting defensive tackles — senior Eric Jones and junior Bryant Young, the latter of whom is not to be confused with senior Junior Bryant, a backup defensive tackle.

Both went down Oct. 19 against Air Force with serious ankle injuries, apparently caused by legal chop-block techniques.

Jones' injury was the more severe. Four screws now hold the bone together, and the ligament damage has been repaired.

A bulked-up Oliver Gibson moves in at nose guard.

1991 Butkus Award semifinalist Demetrius DuBose and converted outside

linebacker Anthony Peterson are projected to start at inside linebacker, while Devon McDonald and Karmeeleyah McGill are the best of a deep bunch at outside linebacker.

John Covington, Tom Carter, Jeff Burris and Greg Lane are all potential standouts in the secondary, the area of the defense about which Holtz is most excited.

He also is excited about the switch back to the 50 look as N.D.'s base defense, as opposed to the four-man front used by the Irish most of last season.

But the look Holtz is ultimately after with the defense is one with a little more fire. And that's why he brought in Minter.

"I'm sure the jury's going to be out on me like the rest of the defense," Minter said. "But I love the challenges. I'll tell them 'hey, no one respects us now.' What a position to be in."

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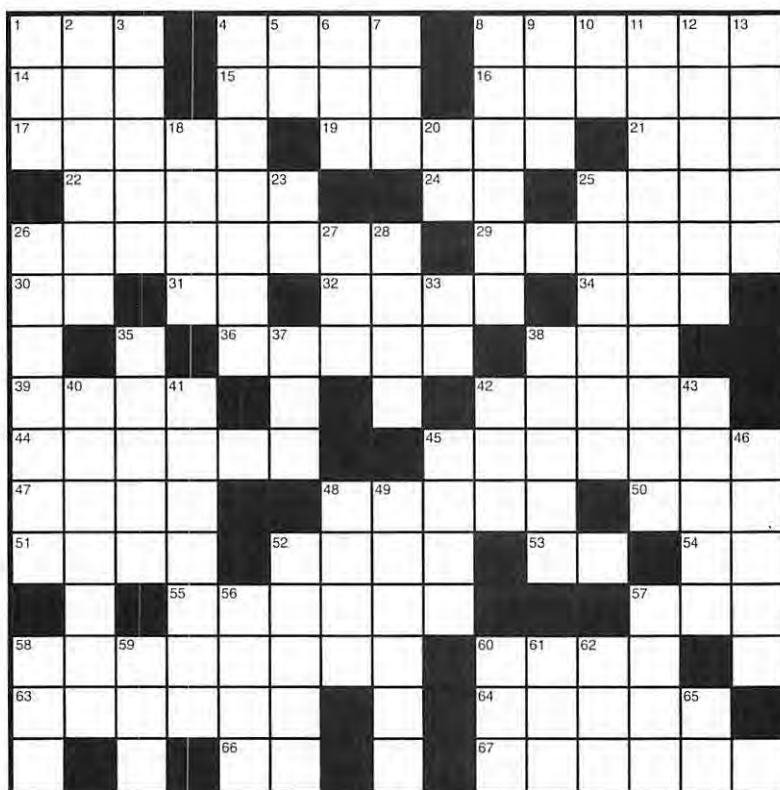
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ACROSS

1. Redskins' home field
4. The ___ of Texas are upon you
8. Bowl located in Miami
14. We root for ___ team
15. First College National Football Champions
16. Ex-President who played the "Gipper"
17. ___ Harry (WR) Chiefs
19. Cincinnati Bengals WR
21. Turf ___ injury caused by artificial surface
22. Buffalo Bills WR
24. Key offensive down lineman (acronym)
25. Offensive lineman for Rams
26. Cincinnati Bengals LB
29. Football not a game for ___
30. Left End (acronym)
31. Saints NFL team (Abb.)
32. Pittsburgh Steelers' greatest WR (Ex)
34. Good Bronco lineman
36. Down lineman for Seahawks
38. Excellent player often called ___ of a player
39. Outstanding NFL center
42. Excellent Auburn tackle drafted by Eagles
44. Four Sundays before Christmas
45. Over-the-hill player
47. Source of communication
48. Outstanding DE (Eagles)
50. Jack Del ___ NFL linebacker
51. In addition to
52. QB must play close attention to defenses
53. Unpleasant duty (acronym)
54. Great N. Y. Giants LB (initials)
55. Sports announcer
57. Famous Ex-President (initials)
58. Pro football offense formation
60. Country going through tremendous change (acronym)
63. Hunter's choice gun season
64. Greatest attribute for a running back
66. Plays over offensive center (acronym)
67. Owns NFL team and active in operation



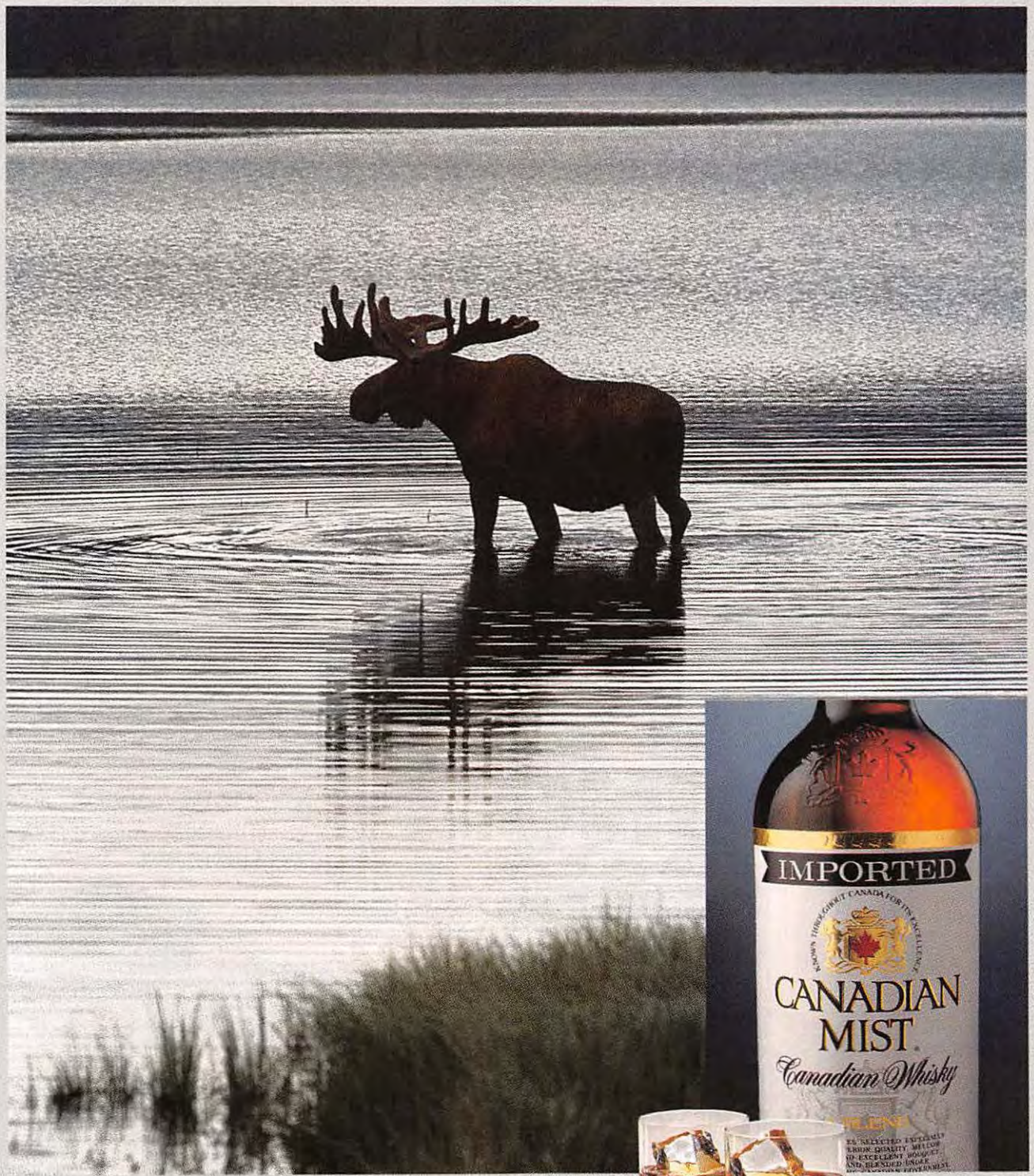
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1. Shad ___
2. Mishap
3. QB traded from Seahawks to K. C.
4. Facial hair
5. ___ hoo (Brutish)
6. Nightmare on ___ Street
7. Strong football conference
8. Ducks
9. Preacher ___ pitcher
10. DE Vikings (initials)
11. Alliance of 15 western nations
12. WR Buffalo Bills
13. David ___ DE 49ers (1989)
18. ___ Hart, only 2nd End to win Heisman
20. Opposite stop
23. Great Cornell RB 1969-71 (1st Name)
25. Rams LB
26. Great Southern football power
27. Member of SEC (part of team name)
28. Sponsors Heisman Awards (acronym)
33. Plays defense over center (acronym)
35. Active owner of L. A. Raiders
37. Opposite of cold
38. Dallas cowboys outstanding lineman
40. ___ Hilliard RB for Saints
41. Dearly loved
42. Academic qualifying measure (acronym)
43. Good defensive football teams bend but rarely ___
45. Conceal
46. From South Bend
48. Inclement ___ th_r affects play on grass playing surface
49. Outstanding Tennessee QB signee is brother to Bama LB
52. H tailback offense
56. Alabama/Auburn ___ Bowl
57. Safety that is not confined to designated area
58. ___ Warner Little League
59. ___ ball hinders passing game
60. University of Southern Mississippi (acronym)
61. Special passing offense (acronym)
62. South Eastern Division (acronym)
65. Defensive lineman (acronym)



ANSWERS

CANADA AT ITS BEST

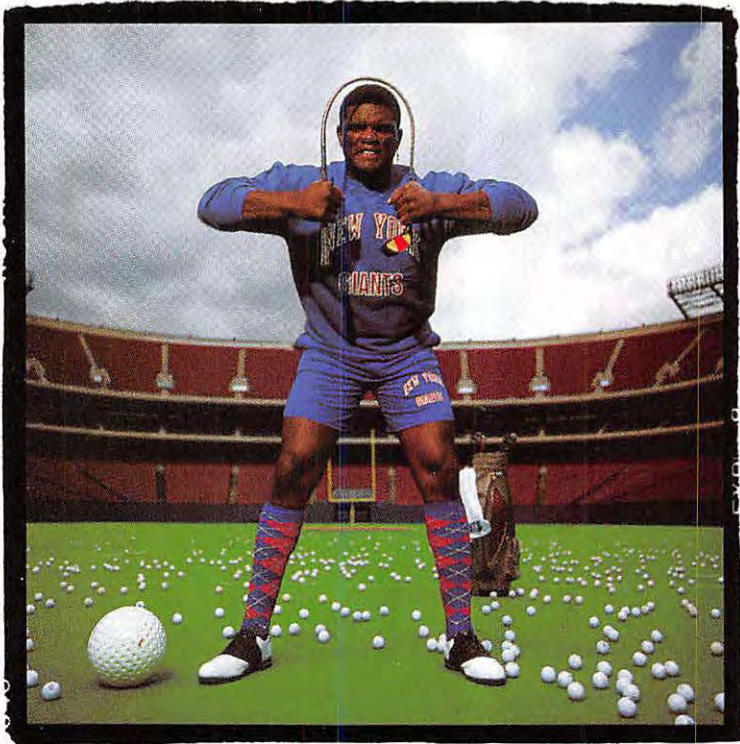


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You
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Tulsa's 1991 season a surprise, a stunner, even a miracle.

Just don't call it a fluke. At least not in the presence of TU head coach Dave Rader.

"It doesn't matter what we do this year, last year was NOT a fluke," Rader said. "Whether we can continue it is now the question."

Behind East Carolina, Tulsa was the surprise success story in the country in 1991, compiling an impressive 10-2 record, including an upset victory over Texas A&M and a solid 28-17 Freedom Bowl victory over San Diego State. The Hurricane finished the season ranked 21st by the Associated Press, its highest ranking since 1982. It boasted a powerful although conservative offense and a defense that ranked 15th in the nation.

Tulsa will probably receive scant notice from the pollsters in the preseason this year, because of the star players it lost and a brutal early-season schedule that begins with Houston, Texas A&M, Kansas and Oklahoma State.

Last year's record reflects the general strengthening of the program under Rader, 35, the former TU quarterback who took over from George Henshaw in 1988, and who has led TU to two bowl appearances in four years.

Rader is the youngest NCAA Division I-A coach in the nation — a distinction he inherited when he was hired as a 30-year-old — but he also has been one of the most successful since returning to his alma mater.

The Hurricane went 4-7 in his

first year, and to the Independence Bowl in his second. It was Tulsa's first bowl game in 13 years.

The Hurricane struggled in 1990, going 3-8 before Rader's four-year plan peaked last season. The only blemishes on their record were losses to national co-champion Miami, Fla., and to Big Eight Conference foe Kansas.

The foundation will be even firmer this year with 13 returning starters and 45 letter-winners. What could be lacking, however, is the chemistry and big-play potential provided by last year's senior class, of whom as many as seven could be playing some form of professional football this year.

Gone are four-year starters T.J. Rubley, the school's all-time leading passer, and linebacker Mike White, the school's all-time leading tackler. Offensive guard Jerry Ostroski, the school's first consensus All-American

since 1972, and defensive lineman Tracy Scroggins, projected to be a high-round selection in the NFL draft, are also gone, as are other pro hopefuls center Todd McGuire, tailback Chris Hughley and tight end Fallon Wacasey.

That's a load of talent for any team to replace, let alone Tulsa, which is not stocked with blue chippers and recruits. The Hurricane needs to successfully evaluate what's left in the area after Oklahoma and the Southwest Conference powers have taken their pick, and maintain a pipeline of beefy offensive linemen from Pennsylvania.

"We lost some outstanding seniors," Rader said. "We're trying to find out if we can replace them. For us to be successful, the same things will have to happen this year as did last year. We'll have to stay healthy and somebody will have to provide the big plays."

Although Rubley was one of 15 quarterbacks in NCAA history to throw for more than 9,000 yards, Tulsa used his arm sparingly last year and depended more upon its huge offensive line and the running of Hughley and Ron Jackson.

Hughley, the nation's fourth-leading rusher with 1,326 yards in 10 games, decided he would turn professional a year early and did not play in the Freedom Bowl. That was all the opportunity Jackson needed. The 6-foot-1, 220-pounder ran for 211 yards and four touchdowns, outshining San Diego State's Marshall Faulk, the nation's leading rusher.

Jackson actually began the 1991 season as the starter and rushed for 320 yards in two games before suffer-

TULSA AT A GLANCE

Team strengths: Team experience. Defensive front and secondary. Starting receivers and offensive linemen. Kicking game.

Possible Weaknesses: Depth in offensive backfield.

Quarterbacks. Linebacking unit. Defensive depth.

Players to Watch: Billy Cole, LB; Marlo Fair, FL; Gus Frerotte, QB; Stephen Ford, CB; Mark Govi, OG; Phil Holmes, DT; Ron Jackson, TB; Eric Lange, K; Barry Minter, LB; Chris Penn, SE; Aaron Tallman, DE.

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IOWA STATE CYCLONES

NEW TRIPLE OPTION HOLDS KEY FOR CYCLONES

By AL HALL



fun this year.

One of the ways he hopes to do that is by installing a triple-option offense. Which triple-option is anybody's guess since Walden closed spring drills to the fans and media, vowing to keep the new scheme under wraps until Ohio University visits Ames for the Sept. 5 season opener.

Walden is due for some fun at Iowa State. It seems problems of one sort or another have prevented the Cyclones from getting on the Big Eight's fast track during his five-year tenure.

He inherited a numbers mess when he took over the program and harped long and loud about that. And, he had a point.

Then, after the Cyclones went 6-5 in 1989, hopes were high among the Cyclones and their fans. Instead, the injury bugaboo haunted Iowa State for two seasons.

Two years ago, Blaise Bryant was billed as a Heisman Trophy candidate, but injuries prevented him from having the kind of season he hoped for. And the Cyclones' fortunes went down accordingly during a 4-6-1 season.

Then early last season, Iowa State lost its top two quarterbacks, Chris Pedersen and Bob Utter, and never did get on track offensively. The Cyclones slumped to 3-7-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Big Eight last season.

"I'm an optimistic thinker," Walden says now. "I think that stuff is over. One of

James McMillon, who led the Big Eight with his 14.76 yards per punt return, will figure in ISU's plans as a receiver or a runner in '92.

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these days, it's going to be time for my life to go on.

"I've suffered through the indignity of the lack of numbers and I've been through two years with the injury thing. It's time for the sun to shine on Iowa State."

If the "gods of good luck" do indeed smile on Iowa State this season, the Cyclones might finally be able to make that move their fans have been waiting for since that winning 1989 campaign.

Everywhere you look in the Iowa State camp, you'll find experienced players. That's one of the benefits, if you can call it that, of two years of unusually high numbers of injuries. A lot of youngsters have been forced into the fray.

"It's amazing how much playing time we have wrapped up in some second-year freshmen and sophomores out here,"

Walden said. "It is unbelievable how many guys have lined up in pressure situations. You can see that by looking at the second team guys and seeing that a lot of them were starters for the last four or five games last season."

Iowa State's offensive production was way down last season, something attributed to the quarterback injuries and other woes that nagged the Cyclones. So why, with so many experienced players returning, make offensive changes — changes Walden described as "drastic?"

Walden says it's because the players are finally available, both in numbers and quality.

"We're changing it because I want to," he said. "I don't think it could have made a difference last year. When you lose your top two quarterbacks in college football, you might as well put a fork in it. You're well-done."

Utter inherits the quarterback job this fall and Cyclone fans are excited about his potential.

As a freshman, Utter stepped in when Pedersen was injured and performed magnificently in a loss to Iowa. He passed for 511 yards that season.

He was scheduled for a redshirt season last fall, but was called to action in the fourth game. He helped ISU beat Rice, 28-27, but was injured in the next game against Oklahoma. He received a medical hardship ruling and will have three seasons of eligibility remaining.

Walden said the job is Utter's to lose. The competition includes junior college transfer Donnie Smith, who passed for 1,549 yards and 12 touchdowns last season at Orange Coast (Calif.) College, and Kevin Caldwell, a quarterback-turned-running back who, due to injuries, finished the season under center for the

IOWA STATE AT A GLANCE

Team Strengths: Offensive backfield, receivers, offensive line and linebackers.

Possible Weaknesses: Overall team depth and speed. Defensive line.

Players to watch: Scott Armbrust, C; Kevin Caldwell, QB; Mark Doubrava, S; Todd McClish, OT; Chris Spencer, WR; Doug Skartvedt, OT; Bob Utter, QB; Shawn Walker, CB; Dan Watkins, LB.

SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
54	Andy Alcorn	OL	Sr.	6-3	231	Glen Ellyn, IL	66	Todd McClish	OL	Sr.	6-5	319	Urbandale
43	Greg Allen	OLB	Fr.	6-0	193	Des Moines	86	James McMillion	WR	Jr.	5-9	175	Bellevue, NE
49	Marcus Allen	OLB	So.	6-3	200	Des Moines	67	Todd Miller	DL	Sr.	6-4	245	Lake City
78	Scott Armbrust	OL	Sr.	6-2	275	Omaha, NE	58	Dan Milner	ILB	Sr.	6-1	232	Cashmere, WA
7	Dwayne Armstrong	DB	Sr.	5-10	185	Newport Beach, CA	45	Matt Nitchie	OLB	Jr.	6-2	206	Lincoln, NE
73	Tony Booth	OL	So.	6-3	275	Palo	94	Brent Olsen	DE	Jr.	6-4	224	Clarion
85	James Brooks	WR	So.	5-11	160	Houston, TX	70	Troy Petersen	DT	So.	6-4	268	Davenport
13	Andrew Buggs	DB	Sr.	6-1	180	Carson, CA	77	Brian Porter	DT	So.	6-3	244	Newton
16	Kevin Caldwell	QB	So.	6-2	190	Omaha, NE	28	Angelo Provenza	RB	Fr.	6-0	220	Aurora, CO
57	Nick Clausen	DE	So.	6-5	236	Holstein	82	Ron Puettman	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Osage
46	Jeff Cole	ILB	So.	6-1	233	West Des Moines	74	Doug Ragaller	OL	So.	6-1	253	Vail
96	George Conditt	DE	Jr.	6-5	253	Chicago, IL	23	Lester Ridley	DB	Jr.	6-0	180	Omaha, NE
59	Travis Cox	OL	Jr.	6-6	262	Sioux City	21	Blaise Roberts	RB	Fr.	5-6	190	Ft. Worth, TX
38	Michael Daniels	ILB	Fr.	6-0	214	Houston, TX	74	Lawrence Roberts	DL	Jr.	6-5	268	Detroit, MI
83	Dan Dostal	TE	So.	6-5	234	Gretna, NE	4	Shane Robertson	DB	Sr.	6-1	194	Hampton
25	Mark DouBrava	DB	Sr.	6-0	192	Urbandale	87	Mat Rouse	WR	Sr.	6-0	185	Leon
97	Shane Dunlevy	DE	Sr.	6-4	249	Cedar Rapids	19	Jon Schnoor	P	Sr.	6-0	169	Altoona
35	Lou Ervin	DB	So.	5-10	184	Cedar Rapids	48	Scott Schulz	OLB	So.	6-4	225	Palatine, IL
98	Kevin Fleecs	DT	Fr.	6-3	220	Hershey, NE	92	Anthony Scott	DE	So.	6-3	227	Alton, IL
36	Kevin Fulton	DB	So.	6-1	180	Benbrook, TX	14	Marv Seiler	QB	Sr.	5-11	187	Joliet, IL
47	Brandon Geise	OLB	Fr.	6-4	205	Ames	62	Doug Skartvedt	OL	Jr.	6-3	308	Radcliffe
40	Malcolm Goodwin	ILB	Sr.	6-2	215	Ames	24	Mike Sparks	FB	So.	5-10	193	Newton
32	Weylan Harding	DB	So.	5-10	184	Spring, TX	89	Chris Spencer	WR	Sr.	6-4	202	Omaha, NE
80	Ben Harvey	WR	Jr.	6-2	190	Waterloo	44	B.J. Spysma	OLB	Fr.	6-2	210	Grimes
51	Byron Heitz	OL	Fr.	6-5	287	Farley	2	Ty Stewart	PK	So.	5-11	175	Omaha, NE
9	Lamont Hill	RB	Jr.	5-9	172	Detroit, MI	11	Matt Straight	DB	So.	5-11	175	Logan
22	Leonard Holmes	RB	So.	5-11	187	Detroit, MI	52	Jim Thompson	DL	So.	6-5	225	Waverly, NE
88	Mickal Horacek	WR	Fr.	6-0	180	Omaha, NE	18	Bob Utter	QB	So.	5-11	180	St. Clair Shores, MI
81	Brandon Hughes	WR	Jr.	6-2	191	Grandview, MO	55	Mark Wagner	OL	Jr.	6-1	275	Bethlehem, PA
17	Terence Jackson	DB	Fr.	5-11	173	Omaha, NE	6	Shawn Walker	DB	Sr.	5-11	167	Kansas City, MO
31	Jay Jordan	OLB	So.	6-1	210	Parkersburg	41	Dan Watkins	LB	Sr.	6-2	225	Chicago, IL
76	Scott Klug	OL	Fr.	6-4	243	Palatine, IL	34	Hussein Warmack	LB	Jr.	6-2	235	Detroit, MI
26	Jim Knott	FB	So.	6-0	203	Crescent	84	Scott Wamsley	WR	So.	6-0	176	Belmont, CA
60	Mark Konopka	OL	So.	6-3	275	Sterling Heights, MI	79	Brian Wilkinson	OL	So.	6-5	271	Omaha, NE
15	Brent Koubs	DB	So.	5-9	157	Leon	1	Jay Williams	WR	So.	5-9	166	Des Moines
33	Kevin Lazard	DB	Jr.	6-0	189	Bellflower, CA	3	Sherman Williams	RB	Sr.	5-7	169	Omaha, NE
29	Cedric Linwood	DB	So.	5-11	170	Houston, TX	12	Ty Yobe	QB	Jr.	6-0	194	West Des Moines

CYCLONES STATISTICS

PASSING

Name	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct	TD	Int
Pedersen	90	46	598	51.1	2	3
Caldwell	57	32	416	56.1	1	3

RUSHING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Patterson	100	467	4.7	55	5
Caldwell	156	428	2.7	28	3
Knott	45	223	5.0	21	3

RECEIVING

Name	No	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
Spencer	25	356	14.2	31	1
Hill	22	316	14.4	41	1
Schulte	15	189	12.6	25	1
Patterson	11	83	7.5	17	0

TACKLES

Milner (120), DouBrava (99),
Goodwin (85), Rehberg (72),
Nitchie (66), Fulton (63)

INTERCEPTIONS

Buggs (4), Nitchie (2)

Coach: Jim Walden

21-32-1, 5 years; 65-84-6 overall, 14 years

1991 Record: 1-5-1/6th; 3-7-1 overall

Stadium: Cyclone (50,000)

Lettermen Returning: 42

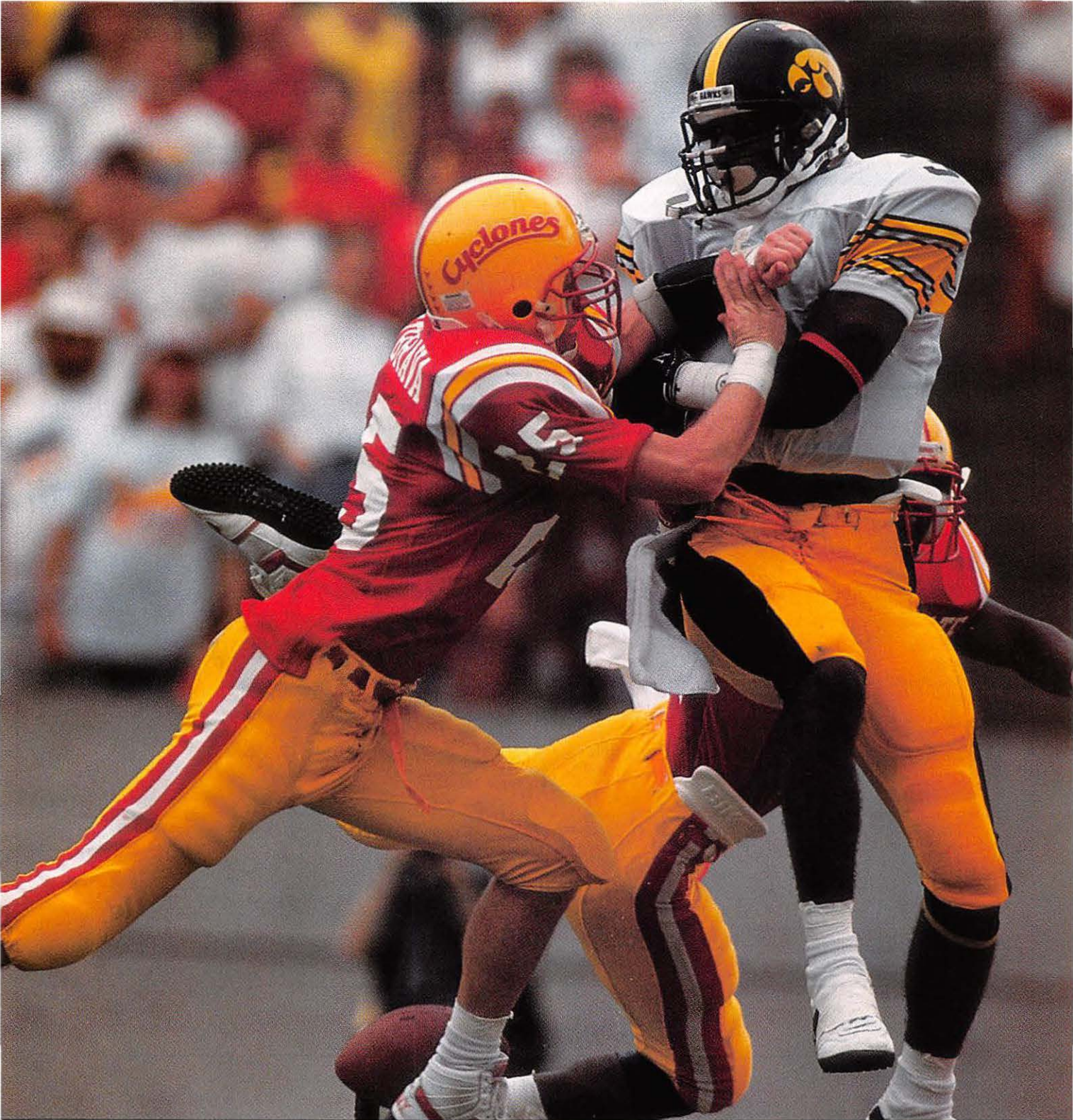
CYCLONES OFFENSE

Number	Quarterback	Year
18	Bob Utter	Sophomore
16	Kevin Caldwell*	Sophomore
Number	Tailback	Year
26	Jim Knott	Sophomore
3	Sherman Williams	Senior
Number	Fullback	Year
34	Hussein Warmack	Junior
22	Leonard Holmes	Sophomore
Number	Split End	Year
89	Chris Spencer*	Senior
81	Brandon Hughes	Junior
Number	Flanker	Year
86	James McMillion	Junior
89	Lamont Hill*	Junior
Number	Tight End	Year
83	Dan Dostal	Sophomore
82	Ron Puettman	Freshman
Number	Strong Tackle	Year
66	Todd McClish*	Senior
79	Brian Wilkinson	Sophomore
Number	Strong Guard	Year
73	Tony Booth*	Sophomore
60	Mark Konopka	Sophomore
Number	Center	Year
78	Scott Armbrust*	Senior
55	Mark Wagner	Junior
Number	Weak Guard	Year
74	Lawrence Roberts*	Junior
76	Scott Klug	Freshman
Number	Weak Tackle	Year
62	Doug Skartvedt*	Junior
51	Byron Heitz	Freshman

CYCLONES DEFENSE

Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
70	Troy Petersen	Sophomore
59	Travis Cox	Junior
Number	Defensive Tackle	Year
67	Todd Miller	Senior
52	Jim Thompson	Sophomore
Number	Defensive End	Year
97	Shane Dunlevy	Senior
57	Nick Clausen	Sophomore
Number	Defensive End	Year
96	George Conditt	Junior
98	Kevin Fleecs	Freshman
Number	Weak Linebacker	Year
45	Matt Nitchie*	Junior
46	Jeff Cole	Sophomore
Number	Middle Linebacker	Year
58	Dan Milner*	Senior
40	Malcolm Goodwin	Senior
Number	Strong Linebacker	Year
41	Dan Watkins*	Senior
48	Scott Schultz	Sophomore
Number	Cornerback	Year
13	Andrew Buggs	Senior
33	Kevin Lazard*	Junior
Number	Cornerback	Year
6	Shawn Walker*	Senior
32	Weylan Harding	Sophomore
Number	Strong Safety	Year
36	Kevin Fulton*	Sophomore
7	Dwayne Armstrong	Senior
Number	Free Safety	Year
25	Mark DouBrava*	Junior
29	Cedric Linwood	Sophomore

* Denotes returning starters.



All-Big Eight free safety Mark DouBrava, a senior, leads the secondary. He had 90 tackles last season.

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Cyclones last year. Caldwell rushed for 428 yards last season.

Utter is just 5-foot-10 and Smith 5-foot-9, one of the reasons Walden has scrapped his multiple offense in favor of the triple-option.

"You can't sit behind 6-foot-5 offensive lineman," Walden told a reporter during spring drills. "With the new offense, they'll have more options. Both Utter and Smith

have good speed and throwing ability."

Utter, for one, is excited about the switch.

"It's a disciplined offense, but it looks like a lot of fun," he said. "The quarterback's first read is the fullback, his second is himself, and the third is the tailback."

Walden said the Cyclones' new offense is similar to what he ran in nine seasons at Washington State, where the

Cougars averaged 24 passes a game.

"We ran the theory of it," he said, "but we're even going to change some things from that. The knowledge and theory of what we brought here from there will help it not be so traumatic a change for the coaches. It's just going to be traumatic for the players. We're going to do what we did out there only in a different way."

The new offense will emphasize

CYCLONES RECRUITING

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Chris BLOHM OL	6-3, 241	Princeton, IL	Princeton
Illinois Coaches Association All-State team... All-Conference as a defensive tackle... Team's defensive MVP... Had 102 tackles, 5 sacks and forced 3 fumbles... State qualifier in the shot put... Conference academic Player-of-the-Year.			
Greg BOYD DB	6-1, 182	Lincoln Park, MI	Lincoln Park
Two-time All-Conference selection... All-Metro Detroit... Set school record with 14 interceptions as a senior; had 32 during his three-year career... Recorded 58 tackles his senior year... Played wide receiver on offense... Also lettered in track and basketball.			
Calvin BRANCH RB	5-11 178	Spring, TX	Klein
Named Klein's most valuable player... Didn't play football before his sophomore year... Rushed for 987 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior... Caught 15 passes for 352 yards... Also lettered in track.			
Jason BROWN DB	5-10, 161	Chicago, IL	Steinmetz
Selected as team's MVP and was named most valuable defensive player as a junior and senior... Had 54 tackles from his cornerback spot as senior, 57 as a junior... Played running back, split end, cornerback and kick returner... Member of '91 Chicago prep championship track team.			
Joe BRYANT DB	5-10, 178	St. Louis, MO	Lindbergh
All-Conference selection both as a running back and defensive back... Considered one of Missouri's top five sprinters... Has been timed at 10.6 for 100 meters... 3-year letterman in both football and track.			
Ryan CULVER OL	6-1, 260	West Des Moines	Valley
All-State elite selection by <i>Des Moines Register</i> ... Unanimous All-Central Iowa Metro Conference... Had 37 tackles as a senior... Played tackle both ways... Top-ranked wrestling heavyweight in Iowa as a senior... Bench pressed 420 pounds.			
Artis GARRIS RB	5-9, 175	Bellevue, NE	Bellevue East
All-Division running back... Rushed for 1,400 his senior year, 900 yards as a junior and 750 as a sophomore... State track qualifier in the long jump.			
Daryl HALL DB	5-8, 165	Florissant, MO	Hazelwood Central
All-Suburban North Conference... Recorded 60 tackles and 2 interceptions as a senior, 64 tackles and 2 interceptions as a junior... Rushed for 600 yards and 5 TDs as a senior... Played running back, quarterback and cornerback.			
Troy HANSEN OL	6-2, 285	Whitewater, WI	Ellsworth CC
Junior college All-American last year... Team captain... Ellsworth went 16-3-1 during his two years... Was All-Conference standout at Whitewater (WI) High School.			
Russell JOHNSON DB	5-10, 165	Houston, TX	Eisenhower
Second-team All-District as junior and senior... Second-team All-Greater Houston... Had 89 tackles and 3 interceptions his senior year... Caught 16 passes for 300 yards as a wide receiver... Standout baseball player.			
Tim KOHN OL	6-6, 256	Gurnee, IL	Warren Township
All-North Suburban Conference on both offense and defense... Played tackle both ways... Recorded 59 tackles and 11 QB sacks as a senior... Also lettered in basketball and track.			

Name, Position	Size	Hometown	High School / College
Michael LINCAVAGE DB	6-1, 175	Chatsworth, CA	Montclair College Prep
All-Alpha League quarterback as junior and senior... All-League DB as a senior... Team MVP in '90 and '91... Had 60 tackles and 6 interceptions his senior year... Attended Iowa State last spring.			
Don McKINLEY OL	6-4, 236	Clinton	Clinton
Second-team All-Class 4A... All-Mississippi Athletic Conference... Led Clinton to conference title... Bench presses 310 pounds... 3-year baseball letterman.			
Sheldon NAPASTUK DL	6-5, 268	North Battleford, Canada	North Battleford
School's Lineman-of-the-Year in 1991... Had 36 quarterback sacks his last two seasons... Also blocked eight punts and three field goals... First 4-year starter in school history... Runs a 4.8 40... MVP of '91 University of Saskatchewan Football Camp.			
Graston NORRIS RB	5-8, 172	Houston, TX	Madison
All-District as junior and senior... Selected district MVP as a junior running back... Rushed for 916 yards and 12 touchdowns his senior year... Also caught 12 passes for 300 yards and 4 TDs... Played tailback and free safety.			
Michael SAKALAS TE	6-3, 214	Warren, MI	St. Clement
All-State Class D selection... All-Catholic League pick by <i>Detroit News</i> ... Team captain... Caught 36 passes for 600 yards and 7 touchdowns as a senior... Played linebacker and tight end... All-County pick in basketball.			
Tim SANDERS LB	6-0, 210	Chicago, IL	Weber
All-Catholic choice as a senior... Two-year team captain... Rushed for 281 yards and one TD as a senior running back... Had 97 tackles, including 9 for losses, his senior year... Also blocked a kick and broke up 3 passes... Bench presses 330 pounds.			
Brad SMITH TE	6-4, 241	Marcus	Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn
All-State Class 2A selection by the <i>Des Moines Register</i> ... All-Northwest Iowa and All-Conference for two years... Caught 20 passes for 250 yards in his career... As a senior quarterback, threw for 770 yards and 6 TDs and rushed for 521 yards and 2 TDs... 1,000-point basketball scorer.			
Donnie SMITH QB	5-9, 175	Orange Coast, CA	Orange Coast JC
Second-team All-Mission Conference after passing for 1,549 yards and 12 TDs... Team MVP... Drafted by Houston Astros as a pitcher in 1991... Second-team All-Conference punter... Was Sunset League MVP as a senior quarterback at Edison High in Huntington Beach, Calif... Threw for 2,800 yards and 21 TDs in high school.			
Clint THOMAS LB	6-2, 204	Rock Port, MO	Rock Port
Two-time All-State selection... All-Metro selection by <i>St. Joseph News-Press</i> ... Recorded 232 career tackles and 12 interceptions... Team punter for three years, averaging almost 35 yards per attempt... Ran 264 times for 1,668 yards... As a QB, threw for 1,643 yards... Scored 162 points and 27 touchdowns.			
Gabe TOFT LB	6-1, 228	Royal	Spencer
All-State elite selection by Iowa News Association All-State... Recorded 70 tackles and 4 sacks as a senior... Had 75 tackles and 5 sacks as a junior, when he was third-team All-Class 3A... Ranked among Iowa's top heavyweight wrestlers.			
Trent TOLINE DL	6-5, 200	Wahoo, NE	Wahoo
All-State selection... Honorary defensive captain for All-State team... Credited with 78 tackles, 3 fumble recoveries and 22 QB sacks... Lettered in track and basketball, too.			

SPRING UPDATE

SPRING SECRECY: Iowa State Coach Jim Walden has had an open-door policy during his six seasons in Ames.

But he changed that last spring when he closed drills to both fans and media and cancelled the annual spring game. It was an unusual break in procedure for Walden, who is trying to bring the Cyclones back after two straight disappointing seasons.

The reasons were two-fold, he said.

Primarily, he didn't want enemy scouts watching as the Cyclones installed a form of the triple-option attack, abandoning the multiple formations Walden has employed here.

"There are hundreds of kinds of triple-options," Walden said. "There's the I triple-option, the Buff-bone triple-option, the wishbone triple-option and the Georgia Southern double-slot triple-option."

"We're going to use one of them. We might even use two of them. But I'm not going to put it on a neon sign. Ohio University (Sept. 5) will be your first glimpse of what's going to be used."

Walden says he's never been a fan of spring games and instead capped

drills with a closed scrimmage.

He said the problem with spring games is that the fans want the offense to look good, and the strategies end up being rigged for that. Last year, he rigged it differently and the spring game was a 3-0 struggle that caused grumbling among Iowa State fans.

He also said new NCAA rules limiting the number of days a team can practice in pads during spring drills affected his decision.

"It is ludicrous for me to think I'd give up one of my 10 days (in pads) at a spring game," he said. "If you've got only 10 good days to work in the spring, you don't want to go out there and have some floozy scrimmage that you'd get nothing out of. I want to get some work done."

COACHING CHANGES: Walden lost two of his long time assistants during the off-season when offensive line coach Steve Morton accepted the same position at Washington and offensive backfield coach Norm Anderson accepted a position at Arizona.

"Coaching changes are a problem if you let them be," Walden said. "You like to believe you hire good people. You lose good people, you hire good people."

speed, Walden said. "I'm almost flabbergasted by the amount of skill position speed we've got this year," he said.

Walden said fans needn't worry about Iowa State being boring in its new offense.

"We're still going to throw the ball," he said. "People have the misconception that if you run the triple-option you don't pass. To the contrary, we may throw more, but we're going to throw our kind of passes. It's all based on controlling the defense.

"If it turns out the option game is good and we need to throw less, that's fine. If they commit to the option to stop it, we may throw more.

"We're not going to be three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust, you can bank on that. This is the accelerated offense we ran at Washington State. It went lickety-split. I think everybody's going to really like it. It's slash and run as far as I'm concerned. It's wide open and that's what I like."

Chris Spencer, honorable mention All-Big Eight for two seasons, leads a reliable receiving corps, which didn't have much chance to show its stuff last season because of the quarterback injuries. Speedy Brandon Hughes and Matt Rouse also give the Cyclones big-play potential.

Jim Knott (223 yards last season) and Sherman Williams (206) are the top returning rushers, but Walden will look at a lot of different runners and this is one area where an incoming freshman might break in.

James McMillion, who led the Big Eight with his 14.76 yards per punt return, will figure in ISU's plans as a receiver or a runner.

Hussein Warmack, who started his career at fullback and moved to tight end before missing last season with a knee injury, has been moved back to fullback where he's joined by sophomore Leonard Holmes and Jay Jordan.

Injuries also plagued the offensive line in 1991, but five starters return and it could be an exceptional unit. Back are tackles Todd McClish (6-5, 319) and Doug Skartvedt (6-3, 308), guards Tony Booth (6-3, 263) and Lawrence Roberts (6-5, 267), and center Scott Armbrust (6-3, 272).

If the Cyclones can avoid the injuries that have hit them so hard on offense the last two years, and if they can adjust to Walden's new offense, it looks like it could be a productive season.

"We're making a bigger fuss over going to the triple-option than we need to," Walden said. "We should have gone to

it two years ago. The wind that blows through our stadium is one reason we're going to the offense. The wind blows so hard that you can't even figure on a good day when you're throwing with it."

One area of marked improvement a year ago was on defense. Veteran linebacking and secondary players give the Cyclones hope for another decent season, even though they'll have to replace four starters on the defensive line.

But the defensive line may be better off than you'd think. Defensive ends Shane

"THIS TEAM IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN ANY I'VE HAD SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE THAT IT ISN'T EVEN CLOSE. IF IT STAYS INTACT AND GETS TO THE STARTING GATE, COME SEPTEMBER, SOME FOLKS BETTER BE AWARE OF WHO WE ARE."

Dunlevy and George Conditt are back after missing last season with injuries. The Cyclones are also high on tackles Troy Petersen (26 tackles last season) and Todd Miller (injured in '91).

While there are questions in the front four, Iowa State seems to have answers everywhere else.

All-Big Eight free safety Mark DouBrava, a senior, leads the secondary. He had 90 tackles last season.

Elsewhere in the secondary, strong safety Kevin Fulton and corners Andrew Buggs, Kevin Lazard and Shawn Walker are all experienced, proven performers.

Walden said nine of his defensive backs run the 40 in under 4.6 seconds.

Once an Iowa State trouble spot, the linebacking appears to be in good hands now.

Seniors Dan Milner and Dan Watkins lead the way. Milner led ISU with 121 tackles last season. Watkins split time between linebacker and end, recording 49 tackles and four sacks.

Matt Nitchie had 66 tackles and two

pass interceptions and Jeff Cole, Marcus Allen, Malcom Goodwin and Scott Schulz all recorded considerable playing time.

"This is potentially the best group of defensive players we've had since we've been here," Walden said. "We're excited about where we are all of a sudden on that side of the ball."

The Cyclone kicking game also appears strong with place-kicker Ty Stewart and punter Jon Schnoor back in camp.

Stewart had a solid rookie campaign, hitting 12 of 17 field goal attempts and ranking 22nd nationally with 1.09 field goals per game.

Schnoor averaged 39.4 yards per punt.

Walden thinks most of the bad times are behind the Cyclones. If he's right, this year's team will be quite a contrast to what he inherited when he moved to Ames in 1987.

"SMU had a better program when they were dead than we had our first two years here," he says.

That first year, the Cyclones had fewer than 60 scholarship players, only 11 of whom Walden's staff now thinks were Big Eight calibre.

"We think you need 30 to 35 to even compete at this level," he says.

Happily, Walden says those days are past.

"I just know we're going to get better," he says. "We're going to try to have some fun with this football team this year and we've got some pretty damned good football players. So those folks who are playing us better be careful."

If this is to be a breakthrough season for the Cyclones, a good start seems vital. Three of four non-conference games are at home (Ohio, Tulane and Northern Iowa), but the road trip is a doozy.

Iowa State plays at state rival Iowa on Sept. 12. An upset in that game could pay huge dividends for Iowa State, both during the 1992 season and when the coaches hit the recruiting trail later on.

"I think our players are excited about themselves," Walden says. "Our individual growth in strength and size from the weight room and the speed of our squad is phenomenal.

"This team is so much better than any I've had since I've been here that it isn't even close. If it stays intact and gets to the starting gate, come September, some folks better be aware of who we are." □

RECRUITING

NEW BUFFS' HERD BEST IN BIG EIGHT

By TOM LEMMING

COLORADO

After finishing 5th in last season's recruiting derby, the Buffaloes continued their great success this season by filling all their needs and then some. The Buffaloes were moving away from the I-Bone and decided they needed a QB with an arm and quick feet. They set their sights on Koy Detmer — brother of former Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer — and were able to sign him. Koy is a leader with tools similar to that of his famous brother.

Also climbing aboard the Boulder Express was *Prep Football Report* All-American RB Rashaan Salaam of LaJolla, Calif. Salaam is one of the nation's top 5 RB prospects. A couple of other blue-chip backs — 5-foot-8, 160-pound James Kidd of Elk Grove, Calif., and Ray Carruth of Sacramento, Calif., can also play WR or DB. Nathan Campbell of Alief, Texas, is an underrated back with explosive moves. TE Keenan Gardner of Barstow, Calif., was a heavily sought after pass catcher with great hands. The Buffaloes also managed to land some big OLM in Matt Lepsis of Frisco, Texas (6-5, 250); Matt Jones of Bucyrus, Ohio (6-7, 320); Gerald Ancar of New Orleans (6-4, 265); Pat Corcoran of Bay City, Michigan (6-4, 280); Heath Irwin of Boulder (6-4, 270) and Chris Naeole of Kahuku, Hawaii (6-4, 300). Irwin and Naeole were *Prep Football Report* All-Americans.

Kyle Smith of Torrington, Wyo.; Sam Rogers of West Los Angeles City College; and Shannon Clavelle of New Orleans are 3 DLM with outstanding potential. Our Midland Defensive Player-of-the-Year, Greg Jones of Denver, is a super LB with awesome skills. Greg recorded 17 QB sacks in '91. He is a 6-foot-5, 210-pounder with 4.5 speed.

The Buffaloes are also excited about LB Jeff Nabholz of St. Louis, Mo., and All-American Matt Russell of Fairview heights, Ill., a 6-foot-2, 230-pound ILB with tremendous potential. Colorado filled its needs in the secondary by signing 1991 All-American safety Ken Wilkins of Mesa, Ariz.; All-State LB Darren Tadlock of Boulder; All-American safety Dalton Simmons of Marrero, La.; hard-hitting Steve Rosga of St. Paul, Minn.; and super fast CB Maurice Henriques of Houston, Texas. The most underrated player in this class is *Prep Football Report* All-American LB Thad Swazer of Denver. The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Swazer has awesome potential as a pass rushing OLB. This is one of the most athletic classes in the country and one with more than just a couple of future NFL ballplayers.

OKLAHOMA

The Sooners have become one of the more successful national recruiting schools in the country. They landed a pair of All-Americans from Chicago — TE-LB Stirling Luckey and 6-foot-4, 295-pound OLM Chris Campbell. Both have the potential to be great college players. The Sooners also surprised everyone by signing the state of Mississippi's top prospect, TB Dwayne Chandler of Aberdeen. The 6-foot, 207-pounder rushed for 1,580 yards and 25 TDs in '91. Oklahoma did their usual great job in Texas by landing All-American DLM Cedric Jones and Arthur Atkins of Houston; LB Broderick Simpson of Dallas; OLM Harry Stamps of Houston; Artis Burns of Dallas; Terrance Brown of Fort Bend; Rod Henderson of Conroe; and DLM Marc Manuel of Houston. A big catch for the Sooners was *Prep Football Report* All-American QB Chad Davis, the 6-foot-2, 185-pounder from Mira Mesa, Calif., who passed for 2,379 yards and 25 TDs in '91. Junior College All-American Joe Correia, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound OG from the College of the Sequoias, is a player who can contribute early.

In-state, the Sooners loaded up, signing RB Jeff Frazier of Oklahoma City, who is an All-American who amassed 1,450 yards rushing and 210 yards receiving in '91. Frazier has been timed at 10.5 in the 100 meters. The state's top two receivers and two of the country's finest, Mike McDaniel from Oklahoma City and P. J. Mills of Enid, give the Sooners two game-breaking wide-outs with great speed and jumping ability. McDaniel caught 52 passes for 1,050 yards and Mills caught 35 passes for 520 yards. All-American DB-QB Larry Bush of Ada is a super strong defender with 10.5 in the 100 meters. Big J.R. Conrad of Fairland is a 6-foot-5, 275-pound OT that the Sooners are really high on. Oklahoma filled its needs at QB, WR, RB, OL, DL and DB. They have opened up a pipeline through to Chicago and continue to have success in California and Texas. Coach Gary Gibbs and recruiting coordinator Dick Foster also did an excellent job of luring most of their own state's top stars to Norman.

NEBRASKA

With the signing of "All-Everything" QB Tommy Frazier from Bradenton, Fla., the Cornhuskers now have a player who can lead them back into national title contention. The 6-foot, 192-pound QB is a tremendous ball handler with great option skills and a strong and accurate arm. Nebraska did their usual great job in-state, landing every top prospect they went

BIG 8 TOP 40 SENIORS TO WATCH

James Allen	RB	6-1	200	Wynnewood, OK	Rashetnu Jenkins	QB	6-0	170	St. Louis, MO
Eric Anderson	DLM	6-4	275	Lincoln, NE	Tone Jones	DB	6-0	170	Tulsa, OK
Luke Bohaty	LB	6-4	210	Shawnee Mission, KS	Pat Kerin	TE	6-5	215	Colorado Springs, CO
Ted Brooks	LB	6-2	220	Kansas City, MO	Kris Lofton	DB	6-2	185	Oklahoma City, OK
Matt Brunson	WR	5-11	165	Englewood, CO	Shane Magalei	OLM	6-3	240	Wheat Ridge, CO
Jerome Burroughs	RB	5-8	185	Muskogee, OK	Alonzo Mayes	LB	6-3	200	Oklahoma City, OK
Tim Carpenter	LB	6-2	210	Columbus, NE	Nate Minnis	DB	6-0	170	Blue Springs, MO
Lyron Cobbins	LB	6-2	220	Kansas City, KS	Emmett Mosley	RB	5-9	170	Denver, CO
Mike Cooper	RB	6-1	180	Omaha, NE	Mike Noland	LB	6-4	225	Shawnee Mission, KS
Zack Daniels	RB	5-9	175	Denver, CO	Jay Patterson	LB	6-4	200	Jenks, OK
Tim Daughtry	TE	6-3	205	Midwest City, OK	Troy Penny	LB	6-2	210	St. Louis, MO
Mandrell Dean	RB	6-0	195	Oklahoma City, OK	Tyrell Peters	LB	6-2	205	Norman, OK
Jantell Edwards	DB	6-1	175	Denver, CO	Tyrone Phillips	RB	5-9	175	Wichita, KS
Matt Failla	OLM	6-4	295	Omaha, NE	Darris Pierce	RB	5-6	165	St. Louis, MO
Mike Forney	QB	6-4	200	Colorado Springs, CO	Leonard Redwine	DB	6-2	190	Denver, CO
Scott Frost	QB	6-3	200	Wood River, NE	Dan Renyer	LB	6-1	215	Shawnee Mission, KS
Eric Galbreath	DB	6-1	190	Jefferson City, MO	Jeff Singleton	DLM	6-3	230	Broomfield, CO
Josh Gibson	DLM	6-3	230	Oklahoma City, OH	Wayne Stewart	OLM	6-2	270	East St. Louis, IL
John Hessler	QB	6-3	180	Brighton, CO	Marquell Terrell	DB	6-2	185	Denver, CO
David James	LB	6-0	215	East St. Louis, IL	Kalim Underwood	LB	6-0	225	Norman, OK

after. RB Clinton Childs from Omaha is a strong runner with excellent speed. He rushed for 1,495 yards and 20 TDs in '91. Big Jeff Ogard of St. Paul is a 6-foot-6, 275-pound LM who should make a heck of an OLM in college. DLM Leonard Washington from Omaha is super when healthy.

Other in-state stars signing up with the Cornhuskers were RB Damon Benning of Omaha; OLM Chris Dishman of Cozad; TE Ryan Terwilliger of Grant; LB Jon Hesse from Lincoln; LB T. J. Scribner of Omaha and DB Eric Stokes from Lincoln. The Cornhuskers invaded Oklahoma, bringing back with them All-American QB Ben Rutz of Oklahoma City, RB Mike Minter from Lawton and WB Willis Brown from Edmond. Rutz is excellent on the rollout and has a very strong arm. Both Minter and Brown can fly. DLM Larry Townsend, from San Jose, Calif., should provide immediate help along the Cornhusker defensive line. The big 6-foot-5, 265-pound defender has a 4.8 speed in the 40. He will be joined in Lincoln by fellow Californian RB-DB Riley Washington, a 5-foot-9, 160-pounder with great speed.

Two-way LM Jim Stiebel from Belleville, Ill.; NG Scott Saltsman of Wichita Falls, Texas; and LB Larry Arnold of Copley, Ohio, are three other out-of-state catches with big futures. Joining Minter and Childs in the backfield will be All-Minnesota TB Marvin Sims of Apple Valley. One of the country's finest linebackers, Ed Morrow from St. Louis, Mo., also signed up with the Cornhuskers. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound Morrow is a potential super at OLB, ILB, or DE. Nebraska fans should also be excited about their two junior college DB recruits. Toby Wright of South Phoenix College and Kareem Moss of Garden City, Kan., are two heavy-hitting safeties with speed. This is a blue-chip class that could lead the Cornhuskers to a national title.

KANSAS

It appears to be another great recruiting season for the Jayhawks. They did another remarkable job in-state by signing eight of the nine players they went after. The in-state group is led by All-American QB Brian Schottenheimer of Overland Park. Brian is the son of Kansas City Chiefs Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer. He will be joined in Lawrence by DLM Jason Brown of Stanley; All-American TE Jim Moore of Garden City; OLM Bob Goltra of Ft. Scott (6-6, 260); OLM Jared Smith of Pittsburgh; DB Keith

Rodgers of Shawnee Mission; OLM Chad Hayes of Atwood and DB Chris Jones of Newton.

Kansas recruiting coordinator R. D. Helt really enhances this class by signing some super out-of-state players. All-American LB Ronnie Ward of St. Louis, is a 6-foot-2, 215-pounder with 4.5 speed. DB Derrick Williams of Detroit, Mich., can run a 4.4 forty, and so can DB Dorian Brew of Florissant, Mo. WR Kiley Brown of Dallas, Texas, was a big catch for the Jayhawks, as was 6-foot-6, 300-pound Scott Whittaker, an OLM from Altaloma, Calif.

WR Andre Carter and DB Charlie Davis of Tampa, Fla.; WR Hosea Friday and LB Devin Grant of Detroit, Mich.; RB Mark Sanders of St. Petersburg, Fla., and RB L. T. Levine of Colonia, N.J., are six other top-rated out-of-state catches. Another welcome addition is former All-American OLM Mike Steele, a transfer from Georgia. QB John Mattress of Coffeyville Community College, Kan., is a former prep and Junior College All-American with outstanding ability. Junior college DB Kwamie Lassiter of Butler Community College, Kan., is expected to contribute right away. The Jayhawks have a very formidable recruiting staff and are in the ball game with just about every super player they recruit.

MISSOURI

The Tigers were able to blend some top-rated in-state talent with some highly-regarded junior college players to come up with a pretty good, all-around class. In-state, Missouri landed All-American WR Lou Shepherd of Blue Springs. Lou hauled in 142 passes over the past two years. Other in-staters were: All-American OLM Steve Martin of Jefferson City; All-Midland RB-DB Kyle Black of St. Louis; RB "Tiger" Boyd of Sikeston; LB Darryl Chatman of St. Louis; DLM Frank Fischer of St. Louis; DB Jon Gott of Warsaw; TE Bill Lingerfelt of Kansas City; and All-Midland OLM Ken Payne of St. Louis.

The Tigers are also excited about QB Brando Corso of Fairfax, Va.; DB Cedric Jones of Dallas, Texas; OLM Adam Clark of Plano, Texas; and DB Adrian Stewart from Chicago. Missouri expects their junior college signees to make an immediate impact. They are excited about LB Earl Brooks of Cerritos, Calif.; DB Jerry Wooden of Glendale Community College, Ariz.; TE Todd Moss of Garden City Community College, Kan.; and P Scott Villarreal of Glendale Community College, Ariz.

It was a great year for talent in the city of St. Louis and the Tigers did a great job to keep some of that talent at home.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Oklahoma State's junior college recruiting efforts paid off in a big way this season and it turned what could have been a disastrous recruiting season into a good one. The Cowboy's expect immediate results from Junior College All-American Brian Best, a 6-foot-3, 260-pound OL from N.E. A&M; "All-Everything" LB Keith Burns of Navarro, Texas; 6-foot-3, 275-pound OLM Alan Orts of Northwest Miss.; WR Elbert Singleton of Butler Community College, Kan.; DB Bunky Winston of Butler Community College, Kan.; QB Derek Chapman of S. W. Illinois College; All-American OLM Lee Gilchrist of Cisco, Texas; super-fast Brian Hamilton, a 6-foot-3, 210-pound LB from Northeast Oklahoma; and strong-armed QB Andy Loveland of Palomar, Calif.

The Cowboys not only signed two junior college QB's, they also inked three standout prep signal callers in 6-foot-5, 195-pound Roger Pfeiffer of Yukon, Okla.; 6-foot-2, 190-pound Gary Porter of Tomball, Texas; and the state of Oklahoma's Player-of-the-Year — 5-foot-11, 175-pound Trent Fisher of Oklahoma City. Pfeiffer and Porter are big, strong kids with great arms, while Fisher can beat you with his arm and his legs.

Oklahoma State pulled a couple of big lineman out of Texas when they signed 6-foot-4, 265-pound Buddy Deese of Deer Park and 6-foot-4, 240-pound DLM Jay Grosfield of Dumas. Big 6-foot-3, 300-pound OLM Gabe Trionfi of Ontario, Canada, and DB Jim Criddle of Houston, Texas, could be the two biggest surprises of what has become a fine all-around class.

KANSAS STATE

Kansas State only landed one of the top ten players from the state of Kansas, but it was the top-rated player they signed. All-American tight end Curt Turner of Scott City, is a 6-foot-5, 210-pounder with great hands and 4.7 speed. He turned down offers from Kansas, UCLA and Nebraska to sign with the Wildcats. 1990 prep All-American RB Leon Edwards from Wichita is back and should provide immediate help for the Wildcat backfield. Fullback Nyle Wiren of Wichita is a power back with a lot of potential.

K-State went after speed and came up with WR Henry Smalls of Bradenton, FL; DB Joe Gordon of Arlington, Texas; WR Kevin Lockett of Tulsa, Okla.; and DB Will Skeans of Ozark, Mo. All four players can run the 40 in 4.5 or better.

Junior College All-American linebacker Brent Venables of Garden City, Kan., should be an instant starter for the Wildcats. QB Chad May is a transfer from Fullerton State. NG Luke Todryk of Milwaukee, Wis.; OL Ross Greenwood of Fayetteville, Ark.; NG Darrell Harbert of Dallas, Texas; OLM Brian O'Neil of Littleton, Colo.; and DLB Bobby Latiolais of Baton Rouge, La., are five quality lineman that have excited the Wildcats.

K-State filled their needs at QB, RB, OL, DL and LB. They have put together a well-balanced class led by a couple of potential All-Americans in Turner and Venables.

IOWA STATE

The Cyclones have always done an exceptional job of finding big-time ballplayers for their program. They can't beat Iowa for in-state talent, so they put much of their efforts into national recruiting. This year, Iowa State ventured into Nebraska to come up with RB Artis Garriss of Bellevue and LB Trent Toline of Wahoo. Toline is a 6-foot-5, 200-pounder who could also play defensive tackle. Iowa State inked two quality junior college players in QB Donnie Smith of Orange Coast, Calif., and OLM Troy Hansen of Ellsworth, Iowa. Hansen is a 6-foot-3, 285-pounder with quick feet.

OLM Don McKinley of Clinton; DLM Ryan Culver of West Des Moines; DLM Brad Smith of Marcus; and LB Gabe Toft of Spencer are four in-state players with potential. The Cyclones thought Russell Johnson and Graston Norris of Houston, Texas, were two of the best tailbacks in Texas. Hard-hitting Tim Sanders of Chicago can play either LB or DB in college. Iowa State needed help in the secondary and got it by signing CB Greg Boyd of Lincoln Park, Mich.; DB Joe Bryant and CB Daryl Hall of St. Louis, Mo.

The Cyclones did a great job of recruiting to meet their needs. This is a very fast class with a lot of potential.

BIG 8 TOP RECRUITS

QUARTERBACKS

Brandon Corso	6-2	200	Fairfax, VA	Missouri
Chad Davis	6-1	180	San Diego, CA	Oklahoma
Koy Detmer	6-0	160	Mission, TX	Colorado
Trent Fisher	5-11	175	Oklahoma, OK	Oklahoma St.
Tommy Frazier	6-0	185	Bradenton, FL	Nebraska
Gary Porter	6-2	190	Tomball, TX	Oklahoma St.
Ben Rutz	6-1	180	Putnam City, OK	Nebraska
Brian Schottenheimer	6-2	185	Overland Park, KS	Kansas

RUNNING BACKS

Tiger Boyd	6-0	185	Sikeston, MO	Missouri
Calvin Branch	6-0	190	Klein, TX	Iowa State
Nathan Campbell	5-10	185	Alief, TX	Colorado
Dwayne Chandler	6-0	200	Aberdeen, MS	Oklahoma
Clinton Childs	6-0	200	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
Leon Edwards	5-6	160	Wichita, KS	Kansas St.
Jeff Frazier	6-3	210	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma
Artis Garriss	5-9	180	Bellevue, NE	Iowa State
L.T. Levine	6-0	195	Colonia, NJ	Kansas
Mike Minter	5-11	175	Lawton, OK	Nebraska
Rashaan Salaam	6-1	190	LaJolla, CA	Colorado
Marvin Sims	5-9	180	Apple Valley, MN	Nebraska
Mike Thompson	6-0	180	Clovis, NM	Oklahoma

RECEIVERS

Dorian Brew	5-11	170	St. Louis, MO	Kansas
Kiley Brown	6-2	200	Dallas, TX	Kansas
Rae Carruth	6-0	185	Sacramento, CA	Colorado
Keenan Gardner	6-4	215	Barstow, CA	Colorado
James Kidd	5-8	160	Elk Grove, CA	Colorado
Kevin Lockett	6-0	160	Tulsa, OK	Kansas St.
Mike McDaniels	6-2	200	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma
P.J. Mills	6-0	175	Enid, OK	Oklahoma
Jim Moore	6-3	225	Garden City, KS	Kansas
Lou Shepherd	6-1	170	Blue Springs, MO	Missouri
Curt Turner	6-5	210	Scott City, KS	Kansas St.
Riley Washington	5-9	160	San Diego, CA	Nebraska

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Chris Campbell	6-4	290	Chicago, IL	Oklahoma
Shannon Clavette	6-4	270	New Orleans, LA	Colorado
J.R. Conrad	6-5	275	Fairland, OK	Oklahoma
Pat Corcoran	6-4	280	Bay City, MI	Colorado

Bob Goltra	6-6	260	Fort Scott, KS	Kansas
Jay Grosfield	6-4	240	Dumas, TX	Oklahoma St.
Heath Erwin	6-4	260	Boulder, CO	Colorado
Chris Naeole	6-4	290	Honolulu, HA	Colorado
Jeff Ogard	6-6	270	St. Paul, NE	Nebraska
Ken Payne	6-6	260	St. Louis, MO	Missouri
Harry Stamps	6-6	290	Houston, TX	Oklahoma
Scott Whittaker	6-6	300	Alta Loma, CA	Kansas

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Arthur Atkins	6-4	240	Houston, TX	Oklahoma
Buddy Deese	6-4	250	Deer Park, TX	Oklahoma St.
Frank Fischer	6-5	230	St. Louis, MO	Missouri
Cedric Jones	6-4	240	Houston, TX	Oklahoma
Steve Martin	6-5	280	Jefferson City, MO	Missouri
Scott Saltsman	6-2	255	Wichita Falls, TX	Nebraska
Kyle Smith	6-6	260	Torrington, WY	Colorado
Jim Stiebel	6-3	250	Belleville, IL	Nebraska
Larry Townsend	6-5	265	San Jose, CA	Nebraska
Leonard Washington	6-3	270	Omaha, NE	Nebraska

LINEBACKERS

Larry Arnold	6-4	215	Copley, OH	Nebraska
Greg Jones	6-5	215	Denver, CO	Colorado
Stirling Luckey	6-4	210	Harvey, IL	Oklahoma
Ed Morrow	6-4	225	St. Louis, MO	Nebraska
Jeff Nabholtz	6-4	220	St. Louis, MO	Colorado
Matt Russell	6-2	230	Belleville, IL	Colorado
Broderick Simpson	6-3	210	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
Thad Swazer	6-4	230	Denver, CO	Colorado
Ronnie Ward	6-2	215	St. Louis, MO	Kansas

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Kyle Black	5-11	185	St. Louis, MO	Missouri
Artis Burns	6-1	185	Dallas, TX	Oklahoma
Larry Bush	6-1	193	Ada, OK	Oklahoma
Rod Henderson	6-3	200	Conroe, TX	Oklahoma
Maurice Henriques	6-1	185	Houston, TX	Colorado
Keith Rodgers	6-1	185	Shawnee Mission, KS	Kansas
Steve Rosga	6-2	185	St. Paul, MN	Colorado
Dalton Simmons	6-1	180	Marrero, LA	Colorado
Eric Stokes	5-10	175	Lincoln, NE	Nebraska
Darren Tadlock	6-0	182	Boulder, CO	Colorado
Derrick Williams	6-0	180	Detroit, MI	Kansas

TULSA

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ing an ankle injury. He was never able to reclaim the job from Hughley and finished the season with 674 yards, not including the bowl game. Barring injury, Rader expects Jackson to be one of the nation's best in 1992.

"Ron is the best running back in the state and probably in the four-state area," Rader said. "How can you argue with it? He's proven it."

Finding a capable backup to the injury-prone Jackson is a priority. Three redshirt freshmen — Kenny Gunn, Alex Thigpen and Patrick Williams — will jostle with junior Lamont Headd.

The offensive line may not match the standard of play set a year ago, but should again be solid. Mark Govi, whom the TU coaches say is more talented than Ostroski, moves from tackle to guard. Mark Laskey returns at the other guard. Keith Roller, a transfer from Oklahoma State by way of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College, should take over at one tackle, while J. Paul Russell returns at the other tackle. Finding a replacement for McGuire at center will be the most difficult task. Candidates are senior Lou Spanos and redshirt freshman David Millwee.

TU utilized a two-tight end, single-back set in 1991 under the direction of Rockey Felker, the former Mississippi State head coach who became Tulsa's offensive coordinator. Experienced senior Bill Buehner will take over at tight end, while junior Phil Nitowski steps in at H-back, the term TU uses for its second tight end.

The wide-receiving corps returns intact, led by senior Chris Penn, who led the team with 37 receptions for 792 yards and a 21.4 average per catch. Penn showed a penchant for big plays, hauling in a 63-yard strike from Rubley to score the winning touchdown against Texas A&M, and a 65-yarder to set up the winning field goal with no time remaining against Southern Mississippi.

"I don't see anybody that compares with Chris Penn in the area," Rader said. "There's nobody even close."

Penn is joined by Brian Thompson (30 catches for 398 yards), Marlo Fair (17-163) and Harvey

Crowder (10-99). Abe Hoskins, a transfer from Purdue by way of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College, is back after missing 1991 with a knee injury. And Gary Brown, a talented wide receiver for national junior college champion Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, will also vie for playing time.

The one huge question mark on the offense is the quarterback position. Gus Frerotte, who filled in for Rubley when he was injured in 1990, will be the starter. Frerotte completed 45 percent of his passes (97 of 216 for 1,066 yards) in a shaky debut that year, but the Tulsa coaches are confident that another year of seasoning, much improved wide receivers, and a better offensive line than two years ago will make the strong-armed Frerotte's transition much smoother this time.

If not, TU will turn to senior Mark Matheson, a short-yardage specialist a year ago, or junior Matt Federico.

Tulsa has a new defensive coordinator in former New Mexico State coach Mike Knoll, who replaced Pete McGinnis when the latter moved to Arkansas State to work under Ray Perkins. There won't be much change in the philosophy, however, which is the old "bend-but-don't-break" strategy. Tulsa gave up very few big plays a year ago and completely frustrated the high-powered Aztec offense in the Freedom Bowl.

Linebacker is the area of most concern, but also the area where TU's best player roams. The Hurricane lost White and outside backer Todd Hays, as well as capable backups Brian Smith and Joe Dan McAdams. But senior Barry Minter, who shattered Tulsa's grading scale for linebackers with his performance against Texas A&M, is back to wreak havoc.

Minter was second on the team in tackles with 89, first in sacks with five, caused six fumbles, made three interceptions and returned one for a touchdown. Against Texas A&M, he had 13 tackles, two sacks, another tackle for a loss, caused two fumbles, made an interception that set up a TU touchdown, and thwarted an Aggie try for a two-point conversion.

"Barry is an All-America candidate," Rader said. "He's even better this spring than I remembered him last year. He's an excellent pro prospect (6-3, 235 with 4.58 speed)."

To replace White, TU moved starting nose guard Chris Bratcher to middle linebacker, his original position at TU. Bratcher could return to nose guard if junior James Bailey or sophomore Floyd Goode develop as expected, or if junior college transfer Matt Drevets recovers from a broken ankle suffered in a spring pickup basketball game.

Daryle Johnson, who also missed spring practice with a knee injury, is ticketed to start at the other outside backer position. Special teams ace Billy Cole will back up both Minter and Johnson.

Despite the loss of Scroggins, Rader expects Tulsa to be stronger in the front line. Phil Holmes is a three-year starter at tackle. Will Russell and Coco Butler will fill in ably for Bratcher at nose guard. Dunstan Anderson, a fleet 6-foot-4, 240-pound converted wide receiver, has demonstrated many of the same pass-rushing abilities as Scroggins, who himself was a converted fullback. Aaron Tallman led the team with seven tackles for losses from the other end spot.

Tulsa ranked eighth in the nation in pass defense last year, allowing 144.2 yards per game, and everyone returns except cornerback Louis Curtis. Starters are safeties Dennis Hickey and James Blake, and cornerback Herbert Harvey and Chandler Norton. Willie Hill also returns at cornerback, and juco transfer Garrick Jackson lends depth.

The Hurricane kicking game remains in good shape. Tulsa is touting place-kicker Eric Lange for postseason honors with good reason.

A transfer from Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College, Lange missed only one of 19 field goal attempts. He did have a pair blocked, both from at least 50 yards, but at one point he made 12 field goals in a row.

Tulsa will have a punter on the field most of the time — Frerotte, the quarterback. Concentrating primarily on punting last year, Frerotte averaged 35.5 per boot in his first season as TU's punter.

"Defensively, we've got a chance to be better," Rader said. "Offensively, we can be as good or better at running back and receiver and on the offensive line. Quarterback is yet to be seen. The big question is, can we be as good overall offensively as we were a year ago?"

If so, don't call it a fluke. □



RUTGERS RENAISSANCE

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A NEW DAY IS DAWNING IN KNIGHT COUNTRY

By **MICHAEL BRADLEY**

Doug Graber was probably staring bleary-eyed at some pre-season practice films late last August when The Call came. With Rutgers' season-opener against Boston College only a few days away, it's a wonder the Scarlet Knights' head coach even picked up the telephone. Of course, the caller's identity might have influenced his decision.

"Take a message," he probably told his secretary.

"It's Bryan Fortay."

"I'll take that one."

Fortay wanted to come home. He had wiped out Gino Torretta in the pre-season battle for quarterback at the University of Miami, only to be jilted by Hurricane coach Dennis Erickson.

Citing his "experience", Erickson awarded Torretta the starting job. It turned out to be a good move, since Miami won the national championship four months later. But Fortay didn't see any wisdom in the decision at the time. He wanted out.

The first place he called was Rutgers, the school 20 minutes from his home and 20 light-years from the big-time. Were the Knights interested?

Interested? It's a wonder Graber didn't offer to come down and pick up the former Parade high school All-American himself. But the coach wanted to do things right. He called Erickson — an old friend — and got the go-ahead to talk with Fortay. Less than a week later, Fortay was a Scarlet Knight. All of a sudden, folks in Touchdown, Texas, were reading about this hot-shot Miami quarterback who wanted to go play football in New Jersey.

Now eligible after sitting out a year because of the transfer, Fortay is ready to take over the Rutgers offense. Of course, Graber is saying that the school has three good quarterbacks. Nothing is guaranteed. Right. Anything you say, coach. Fortay didn't leave Top Ranked University to sit on the bench up in New Brunswick, NJ. "People realize I was one step from being Miami's quarterback," Fortay says. "There are some expectations." Graber is just being a typical coach. Everybody gets a fair shot and all that. But he is also trying to dispel the notion that Fortay's presence alone will give Rutgers football national legitimacy. Rutgers' last time in the spotlight came in 1869, when the Knights played Princeton in the first-ever football game. Bryan Fortay didn't build Rutgers into a budding powerhouse. Doug Graber did.

It was Graber and his staff who assembled three consecutive strong recruiting classes. It was Graber who lobbied the state assembly for \$28 million to expand Rutgers' on-campus stadium to 46,000 seats. It was Graber who coached the Knights to a 6-5 season, one year after a dreadful, 3-8 debut. Fortay may throw for eight million yards this season, but he'll do it in Graber's pro-style offense — with

Graber calling the plays.

"We're a good enough football team that we don't need a quarterback to come in here and win 10 games by himself," Graber says. "We need a good quarterback, just like we need a good wide receiver or a



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good offensive tackle."

Graber hasn't been the only good thing to happen to Rutgers football. The formation of the Big East Conference helped. Rutgers now has a legitimate conference affiliation to sell to recruits. Conference ties mean TV exposure and major bowl games. When Rutgers was an independent, it appeared on state public television and played in the 1978 Garden State Bowl. Ouch.

The school itself is also responsible for the renaissance. It picked up the tab for the team's \$5-million plus deficit from 1985-90 and subsidized new offices and practice facilities. It pushed hard for the stadium expansion, which should be completed by 1994. Until then, Rutgers will play some games in the 23,000-seat stadium on campus and others at the

Meadowlands, its 78,000-seat home-away-from-home. Rutgers also hired Graber, whose job description doesn't end with winning games. He sells. He advertises. He promotes.

"People have no idea where we even are located," says Graber, who had to ask where the school was when he was contacted about the job. "That's one of the missions of our program — to make the Rutgers name known nationally."

So, Graber sells Rutgers. These days, it's not such a hard sale. The bigger and better stadium, the Big East Conference, and increased TV exposure (the Knights will play Pitt on Thursday, Sept. 17, on ESPN) provide the third-year coach with an arsenal to lure recruits, to cajole money out of alumni and to fill seats. With the ancillaries in place, it's time to concentrate on the field.

Rutgers was 6-5 last year, stumbling after a 5-1 start. Its offense was anemic at times, though the defense played well. Sixteen starters return, along with many experienced backups. A few transfers, most notably Fortay, join the mix, and three solid recruiting years add depth — and a little push for the regulars. "We have not had a lot of competition here in the past," Graber admits.

While competition intensifies for spots on the Scarlet Knight starting roster, it is already

pretty hot among the Big East brethren. Graber points to the new conference as a boon to recruiting and an ally in the quest for legitimacy, but there are six other schools — Miami not included — with the same outlook. Among conference teams Rutgers may have the best chance of all to rise above the stigma of being an "Eastern independent."

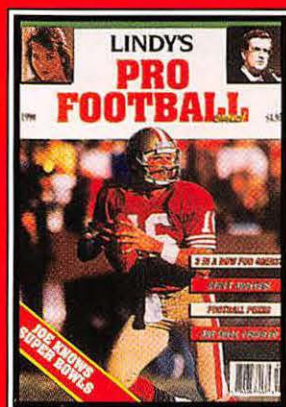
"They have everything in place," says Mike Gottfried, an analyst at ESPN and former coach at Pitt. "Doug has the best chance to benefit from the Big East. They have a great location and all that media attention. Rutgers is a diamond in the rough."

West Virginia coach Don Nehlen agrees. "There are so many people in Rutgers' general locality that they have a

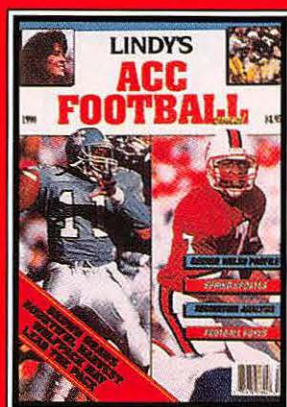
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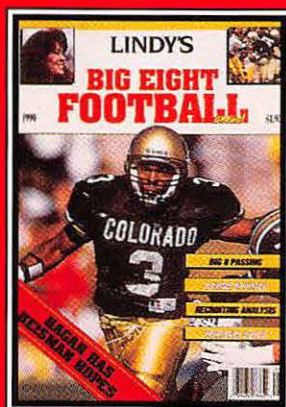
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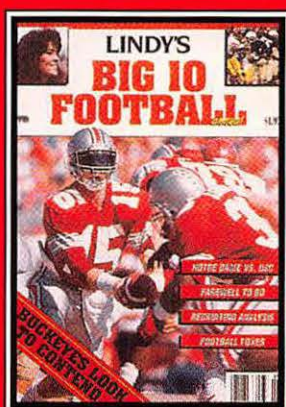
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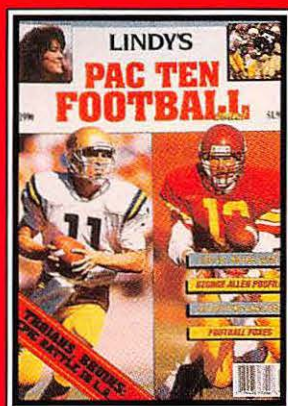
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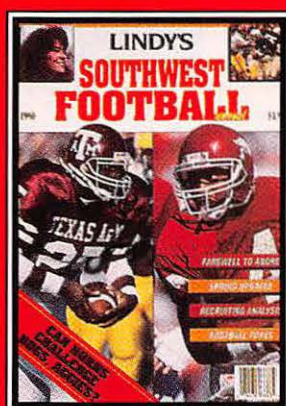
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SCOPING THE NATION

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spring practice. He's definitely a difference maker; RB Lindsey Chapman, Jr. (California) — While teammate Russell White has attracted media attention, Chapman has endeared himself with the coaching staff. He's a break-away threat who might take away from White's playing time; RB Estrus

Crayton, Sr. (Southern Cal) — Simply stated, he's the school's best pure talent since Marcus Allen; WR Lee DeRamus, Soph. (Wisconsin) — A fabulous talent. However, like a bee without a hive, he lacks a quarterback capable of utilizing his skills; WR Clayton Driver, Sr. (East Carolina) — His combination of athleticism and size makes him a lethal weapon. TE Mark Bruener, Soph. (Washington) — Made tremendous strides in his initial campaign. He's a clutch receiver.

OT Greg Bishop, Sr. (Pacific); OG Mark Govi, Sr. (Tulsa); C Jim Nevelle, Jr. (Washington); OG Jason Youngblood, Sr. (Houston); OT Willie Roaf, Sr. (Louisiana Tech).

DEFENSE

NT Jeff Brunner, Jr.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS

DEFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

Dewayne Dotson	LB	Ole Miss	Transfer/Tennessee
Kelly Rush	DL	Florida State	JUCO
Tony Bruschie	DE	Arizona	Redshirt
Jeff Simoneau	NT	Kansas State	JUCO
Stafford Evans	DT	California	JUCO
Tamasi Amituanai	DE	Arizona	JUCO
Shawn Smith	LB	San Diego St.	Transfer/Notre Dame
Mike Steele	DT	Kansas	Transfer/Georgia
Damon Primus	DL	Auburn	JUCO
Greg Tremble	CB	Georgia	JUCO
Jason Layman	DT	Tennessee	Redshirt
Chris Donnelly	S	Alabama	Transfer/Vanderbilt
Craig Powell	LB	Ohio State	Redshirt
Shane Bonham	DE	Tennessee	Transfer/Air Force
Michael Barber	LB	Clemson	Redshirt
Bart Thomas	S	Texas Tech	JUCO/Air Force
La'Roi Glover	NT	San Diego St.	Freshman
Dexter Daniels	LB	Florida	Freshman
Erik Simien	LB	UNLV	Transfer/Notre Dame
Davin Miles	DT	Temple	JUCO

OFFENSIVE NEWCOMERS

James Stewart	RB	Miami	Freshman
Olanda Truitt	WR	Mississippi St.	Transfer/Pitt
Bryan Fortay	QB	Rutgers	Transfer/Miami
Dwight McFadden	RB	Southern Cal	Redshirt
Kevin Bouie	RB	Mississippi St.	JUCO
Ryan Terry	RB	Iowa	Transfer/Tenn St.
Damon Huard	QB	Washington	Redshirt
Zane Crockett	FB	Florida State	JUCO
Dorsey Levens	RB	Georgia Tech	Transfer/Notre Dame
Keith Jack	WR	Houston	JUCO
Terrell Davis	RB	Georgia	Transfer/Long Bch. St.
Rob Coons	TE	Pittsburgh	JUCO/Redshirt
Shea Morenz	QB	Texas	Freshman
Corey Stringer	OL	Ohio State	Freshman
Jason Bevell	QB	Wisconsin	Transfer/No. Arizona
Jake Kelchner	QB	West Virginia	Transfer/Notre Dame
Alfie Hill	OL	Purdue	Redshirt
Steve Clements	QB	Brigham Young	Transfer/Texas
Amani Toomer	WR	Michigan	Freshman
Scott Milanovich	QB	Maryland	Redshirt

FINEST TUTORS

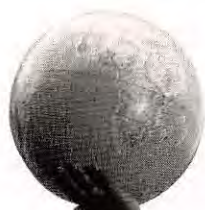
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BOSTON COLLEGE	SYRACUSE
Sept. 5 RUTGERS	Sept. 5 at East Carolina
Sept. 12 NORTHWESTERN	Sept. 12 TEXAS
Sept. 19 NAVY	Sept. 19 OHIO STATE
Sept. 26 MICHIGAN STATE	Oct. 3 at Louisville
Oct. 3 at West Virginia	Oct. 10 RUTGERS
Oct. 17 at Penn State	Oct. 17 at West Virginia
Oct. 24 at Tulane	Oct. 24 at Temple
Oct. 31 TEMPLE	Oct. 31 PITTSBURGH
Nov. 7 at Notre Dame	Nov. 7 VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 14 SYRACUSE	Nov. 14 at Boston College
Nov. 21 at Army	Nov. 21 MIAMI (FL)
MIAMI (FL)	TEMPLE
Sept. 5 at Iowa	Sept. 5 BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Sept. 12 FLORIDA A&M	Sept. 12 at Penn State
Sept. 19 ARIZONA	Sept. 19 VIRGINIA TECH
Oct. 3 FLORIDA STATE	Sept. 26 at Kansas State
Oct. 10 at Penn State	Oct. 3 at Washington State
Oct. 17 TEXAS CHRISTIAN	Oct. 17 PITTSBURGH
Oct. 24 at Virginia Tech	Oct. 24 SYRACUSE
Oct. 31 WEST VIRGINIA	Nov. 7 at Akron
Nov. 14 TEMPLE	Nov. 14 at Miami (FL)
Nov. 21 at Syracuse	Nov. 21 RUTGERS
Nov. 28 at San Diego State	
PITTSBURGH	VIRGINIA TECH
Sept. 5 KENT STATE	Sept. 5 JAMES MADISON
Sept. 12 WEST VIRGINIA	Sept. 12 at East Carolina
Sept. 17 at Rutgers	Sept. 19 at Temple
Sept. 26 MINNESOTA	Sept. 26 WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 3 at Maryland	Oct. 10 at Louisville
Oct. 10 NOTRE DAME	Oct. 17 N. C. STATE
Oct. 17 at Temple	Oct. 24 MIAMI (FL)
Oct. 24 EAST CAROLINA	Oct. 31 at Rutgers
Oct. 31 at Syracuse	Nov. 7 at Syracuse
Nov. 14 LOUISVILLE	Nov. 14 SOUTHERN MISS
Nov. 21 at Penn State	Nov. 21 VIRGINIA
Dec. 5 at Hawaii	
RUTGERS	WEST VIRGINIA
Sept. 5 at Boston College	Sept. 5 MIAMI OF OHIO
Sept. 12 COLGATE	Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh
Sept. 17 PITTSBURGH	Sept. 19 MARYLAND
Sept. 26 at Navy	Sept. 26 at Virginia Tech
Oct. 3 PENN STATE	Oct. 3 BOSTON COLLEGE
Oct. 10 at Syracuse	Oct. 17 SYRACUSE
Oct. 17 ARMY	Oct. 24 PENN STATE
Oct. 31 VIRGINIA TECH	Oct. 31 at Miami (FL)
Nov. 7 at Cincinnati	Nov. 7 EAST CAROLINA
Nov. 14 WEST VIRGINIA	Nov. 14 at Rutgers
Nov. 21 at Temple	Nov. 21 LOUISIANA TECH

BIG 10 SCHEDULES

ILLINOIS	IOWA STATE	INDIANA	OHIO STATE	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 5 NO. ILLINOIS	Sept. 26 at Colorado	Oct. 3 at Michigan	Oct. 24 at Michigan	Sept. 5 at Michigan
Sept. 12 MISSOURI	Oct. 3 at Michigan	Oct. 17 at Minnesota	Oct. 31 INDIANA	Sept. 19 TOLEDO
Sept. 19 at Houston	Oct. 10 WISCONSIN	Oct. 24 OHIO STATE	Nov. 7 at Ohio State	Sept. 26 at Notre Dame
Oct. 3 at Minnesota	Oct. 17 at Illinois	Oct. 31 at Northwestern	Nov. 14 at Wisconsin	Sept. 26 at NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 10 at Ohio State	Oct. 24 PURDUE	Nov. 7 WISCONSIN	Nov. 21 IOWA	Oct. 10 MINNESOTA
Oct. 17 IOWA	Oct. 31 OHIO STATE	Nov. 14 PURDUE		Oct. 17 at Wisconsin
Oct. 24 NORTHWESTERN	Nov. 7 at Indiana	Nov. 21 at Illinois		Oct. 24 at Iowa
Oct. 31 at Wisconsin	Nov. 14 NORTHWESTERN			Oct. 31 MICHIGAN
Nov. 7 PURDUE	Nov. 21 at Minnesota			Nov. 7 at Illinois
Nov. 14 at Michigan	*at East Rutherford, N.J.			Nov. 14 at Michigan St.
Nov. 21 MICHIGAN ST.				Nov. 21 INDIANA
INDIANA	MICHIGAN	NORTHWESTERN	OHIO STATE	WISCONSIN
Sept. 12 MIAMI OF Ohio	Sept. 12 at Notre Dame	Sept. 5 NOTRE DAME	Sept. 12 at Boston College	Sept. 5 at Washington
Sept. 19 at Kentucky	Sept. 19 OKLAHOMA ST.	Sept. 12 at Stanford	Sept. 19 at Stanford	Sept. 19 BOWLING GREEN
Sept. 26 MISSOURI	Oct. 3 IOWA	Oct. 3 at Rutgers	Oct. 10 INDIANA	Sept. 26 NO. ILLINOIS
Oct. 3 at Michigan St.	Oct. 10 MICHIGAN ST.	Oct. 17 at Ohio State	Oct. 17 at Ohio State	Oct. 3 OHIO STATE
Oct. 10 at Northwestern	Oct. 17 at Indiana	Nov. 7 MICHIGAN	Nov. 14 at Iowa	Oct. 10 at Iowa
Oct. 17 MICHIGAN	Oct. 24 MINNESOTA	Nov. 14 at Iowa	Nov. 21 WISCONSIN	Oct. 17 PURDUE
Oct. 24 WISCONSIN	Nov. 7 at Minnesota	Nov. 21 WISCONSIN		Oct. 24 at Indiana
Oct. 31 at Minnesota	Nov. 14 ILLINOIS			Oct. 31 ILLINOIS
Nov. 7 IOWA	Nov. 21 at Ohio State			Nov. 7 at Michigan St.
Nov. 14 OHIO STATE				Nov. 14 MINNESOTA
Nov. 21 at Purdue				Nov. 21 at Northwestern
IOWA	MICHIGAN STATE	MINNESOTA	PENN STATE	
Aug. 29 *N. C. State	Sept. 12 CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Sept. 12 SAN JOSE ST.	Sept. 5 at Cincinnati	
Sept. 5 MIAMI (FL)	Sept. 19 NOTRE DAME	Sept. 19 COLORADO	Sept. 12 TEMPLE	
	Sept. 26 at Boston College	Sept. 26 at Pittsburgh	Sept. 19 E. MICHIGAN	
		Oct. 3 ILLINOIS	Sept. 26 MARYLAND	
		Oct. 10 at Purdue	Oct. 3 at Rutgers	
		Oct. 17 MICHIGAN ST.	Oct. 17 BOSTON COLLEGE	
			Oct. 24 at West Virginia	
			Oct. 31 at Brigham Young	

PAC 10 SCHEDULES

ARIZONA	CALIFORNIA	OREGON STATE	UCLA	WASHINGTON
Sept. 5 UTAH STATE	Sept. 5 SAN JOSE STATE	Sept. 5 KANSAS	Sept. 12 CAL ST. FULLERTON	Sept. 5 at Arizona State
Sept. 12 WASHINGTON STATE	Sept. 12 at Purdue	Sept. 12 FRESNO STATE	Sept. 19 at Brigham Young	Sept. 12 WISCONSIN
Sept. 19 at Oregon State	Sept. 26 at Kansas	Sept. 19 ARIZONA	Sept. 26 SAN DIEGO STATE	Sept. 19 NEBRASKA
Sept. 26 at Miami (FL)	Oct. 3 OREGON STATE	Oct. 3 at Utah	Oct. 3 at Arizona	Oct. 3 USC
Oct. 3 UCLA	Oct. 10 at Washington	Oct. 3 at California	Oct. 10 STANFORD	Oct. 10 CALIFORNIA
Oct. 17 at Stanford	Oct. 17 at USC	Oct. 10 WASHINGTON STATE	Oct. 17 at Washington State	Oct. 17 at Oregon
Oct. 24 at California	Oct. 24 ARIZONA	Oct. 17 at Arizona State	Oct. 24 ARIZONA STATE	Oct. 24 PACIFIC
Oct. 31 NEW MEXICO STATE	Oct. 31 UCLA	Oct. 24 STANFORD	Oct. 31 at California	Oct. 31 STANFORD
Nov. 7 WASHINGTON	Nov. 7 at Oregon	Nov. 7 at UCLA	Nov. 7 OREGON STATE	Nov. 7 at Arizona
Nov. 14 at Southern California	Nov. 14 ARIZONA STATE	Nov. 14 at Washington	Nov. 14 OREGON	Nov. 14 OREGON STATE
Nov. 21 ARIZONA STATE	Nov. 21 STANFORD	Nov. 21 OREGON	Nov. 21 USC	Nov. 21 at Washington State
ARIZONA STATE	OREGON	STANFORD	USC	WASHINGTON STATE
Sept. 5 WASHINGTON	Sept. 5 HAWAII	Aug. 26 *Texas A & M	Sept. 5 at San Diego State	Sept. 5 MONTANA
Sept. 19 LOUISVILLE	Sept. 12 at Stanford	Sept. 12 OREGON	Sept. 19 at Oklahoma	Sept. 12 at Arizona
Sept. 26 at Nebraska	Sept. 19 TEXAS TECH	Sept. 26 SAN JOSE STATE	Oct. 3 at Washington	Sept. 26 at Fresno State
Oct. 3 at Oregon	Sept. 26 UNLV	Oct. 3 at Notre Dame	Oct. 10 OREGON	Oct. 3 TEMPLE
Oct. 10 PACIFIC	Oct. 3 ARIZONA STATE	Oct. 10 CALIFORNIA	Oct. 17 CALIFORNIA	Oct. 10 at Oregon State
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Oct. 24 at UCLA	Oct. 17 WASHINGTON	Oct. 24 at Oregon State	Oct. 31 at Arizona State	Oct. 24 at USC
Oct. 31 USC	Oct. 31 at Washington State	Oct. 31 at Washington	Nov. 7 at Stanford	Oct. 31 OREGON
Nov. 7 at Washington State	Nov. 7 CALIFORNIA	Nov. 7 USC	Nov. 14 ARIZONA	Nov. 7 ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 14 CALIFORNIA	Nov. 14 UCLA	Nov. 14 WASHINGTON STATE	Nov. 21 at UCLA	Nov. 14 at Stanford
Nov. 21 at Arizona	Nov. 21 at Oregon State	Nov. 21 at California	Nov. 28 NOTRE DAME	Nov. 21 WASHINGTON
		*at Anaheim, Calif.		

BIG EIGHT SCHEDULES

COLORADO	MISSOURI
Sept. 5 COLORADO STATE	Sept. 12 at Illinois
Sept. 12 at Baylor	Sept. 19 TEXAS A&M
Sept. 19 at Minnesota	Sept. 26 at Indiana
Sept. 26 IOWA	Oct. 3 MARSHALL
Oct. 3 at Missouri	Oct. 10 COLORADO
Oct. 17 OKLAHOMA	Oct. 17 at Oklahoma State
Oct. 24 KANSAS STATE	Oct. 24 NEBRASKA
Oct. 31 at Nebraska	Oct. 31 at Iowa State
Nov. 7 OKLAHOMA STATE	Nov. 7 at Oklahoma
Nov. 14 at Kansas	Nov. 14 KANSAS STATE
Nov. 21 IOWA STATE	Nov. 21 KANSAS
IOWA STATE	NEBRASKA
Sept. 5 OHIO UNIVERSITY	Sept. 5 UTAH
Sept. 12 at Iowa	Sept. 12 MIDDLE TENN. ST.
Sept. 19 TULANE	Sept. 19 USC
Sept. 26 NORTHWESTERN IOWA	Sept. 26 ARIZONA STATE
Oct. 3 at Oklahoma	Oct. 10 OKLAHOMA STATE
Oct. 17 KANSAS	Oct. 17 at Missouri
Oct. 24 at Oklahoma State	Oct. 31 COLORADO
Oct. 31 MISSOURI	Nov. 7 KANSAS
Nov. 7 at Kansas State	Nov. 14 at Iowa State
Nov. 14 NEBRASKA	Nov. 27 at Oklahoma
Nov. 21 at Colorado	Dec. 5 Kansas State at Tokyo
KANSAS STATE	OKLAHOMA
Sept. 19 MONTANA	Sept. 3 at Texas Tech
Sept. 26 TEMPLE	Sept. 12 ARKANSAS STATE
Oct. 3 NEW MEXICO STATE	Sept. 19 USC
Oct. 10 at Kansas	Oct. 3 IOWA STATE
Oct. 17 at Utah State	Oct. 10 Texas at Dallas
Oct. 24 at Colorado	Oct. 17 at Colorado
Oct. 31 at Oklahoma	Oct. 24 at Kansas
Nov. 7 IOWA STATE	Oct. 31 KANSAS STATE
Nov. 14 at Missouri	Nov. 7 MISSOURI
Nov. 21 OKLAHOMA STATE	Nov. 14 at Oklahoma State
Dec. 5 Nebraska at Tokyo	Nov. 27 NEBRASKA
KANSAS	OKLAHOMA STATE
Sept. 5 at Oregon State	Sept. 5 INDIANA STATE
Sept. 12 BALL STATE	Sept. 19 at Michigan
Sept. 19 at Tulsa	Sept. 26 TULSA
Sept. 24 CALIFORNIA	Oct. 3 at Texas Christian
Oct. 10 KANSAS STATE	Oct. 10 at Nebraska
Oct. 17 at Iowa State	Oct. 17 MISSOURI
Oct. 24 OKLAHOMA	Oct. 24 IOWA STATE
Oct. 31 OKLAHOMA STATE	Oct. 31 at Kansas
Nov. 7 at Nebraska	Nov. 7 at Colorado
Nov. 14 COLORADO	Nov. 14 OKLAHOMA
Nov. 21 at Missouri	Nov. 21 at Kansas State

ACC SCHEDULES

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA STATE	MARYLAND	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	WAKE FOREST
Sept. 5 BALL STATE	Sept. 5 DUKE	Sept. 5 at Virginia	Aug. 29 *Iowa	Sept. 5 NORTH CAROLINA
Sept. 12 FLORIDA STATE	Sept. 12 at Clemson	Sept. 12 N. C. STATE	Sept. 5 APPALACHIAN STATE	Sept. 12 APPALACHIAN STATE
Sept. 26 at Georgia Tech	Sept. 19 at N. C. State	Sept. 19 at West Virginia	Sept. 12 at Maryland	Sept. 26 at Florida State
Oct. 3 UT-CHATTANOOGA	Sept. 26 WAKE FOREST	Sept. 26 at Penn State	Sept. 26 FLORIDA STATE	Oct. 3 VIRGINIA
Oct. 10 at Virginia	Oct. 3 at Miami (FL)	Oct. 3 PITTSBURGH	Sept. 26 at North Carolina	Oct. 10 at Vanderbilt
Oct. 17 DUKE	Oct. 10 NORTH CAROLINA	Oct. 10 GEORGIA TECH	Oct. 3 at Georgia Tech	Oct. 17 at Maryland
Oct. 24 at N. C. State	Oct. 17 at Georgia Tech	Oct. 17 WAKE FOREST	Oct. 17 TEXAS TECH	Oct. 24 ARMY
Oct. 31 at Wake Forest	Oct. 31 at Virginia	Oct. 24 at Duke	Oct. 17 at Virginia Tech	Oct. 31 CLEMSON
Nov. 7 NORTH CAROLINA	Nov. 7 FLORIDA	Oct. 31 NORTH CAROLINA	Oct. 24 CLEMSON	Nov. 7 at Duke
Nov. 14 at Maryland	Nov. 14 TULANE	Nov. 7 at Florida State	Nov. 7 at Virginia	Nov. 14 at Georgia Tech
Nov. 21 SOUTH CAROLINA	Nov. 21 FLORIDA	Nov. 14 CLEMSON	Nov. 14 DUKE	Nov. 21 at N. C. State
DUKE	GEORGIA TECH	NORTH CAROLINA	VIRGINIA	
Sept. 5 at Florida State	Sept. 12 WESTERN CAROLINA	Sept. 5 at Wake Forest	Sept. 5 MARYLAND	
Sept. 12 at Vanderbilt	Sept. 19 at Virginia	Sept. 12 FURMAN	Sept. 12 at Navy	
Sept. 19 RICE	Sept. 26 CLEMSON	Sept. 19 ARMY	Sept. 19 GEORGIA TECH	
Sept. 26 VIRGINIA	Oct. 3 N. C. STATE	Sept. 26 N. C. STATE	Sept. 26 at Duke	
Oct. 10 EAST CAROLINA	Oct. 10 at Maryland	Oct. 3 NAVY	Oct. 3 at Wake Forest	
Oct. 17 at Clemson	Oct. 17 FLORIDA STATE	Oct. 10 at Florida State	Oct. 10 CLEMSON	
Oct. 24 MARYLAND	Oct. 24 at North Carolina	Oct. 17 VIRGINIA	Oct. 17 at Georgia Tech	
Oct. 31 WAKE FOREST	Oct. 31 DUKE	Oct. 24 GEORGIA TECH	Oct. 24 WILLIAM & MARY	
Nov. 7 WAKE FOREST	Nov. 7 at Baylor	Oct. 31 at Clemson	Oct. 31 FLORIDA STATE	
Nov. 14 at N. C. State	Nov. 14 WAKE FOREST	Nov. 7 at Duke	Nov. 7 N. C. STATE	
Nov. 21 NORTH CAROLINA	Nov. 28 at Georgia	Nov. 21 at Duke	Nov. 21 at Virginia Tech	

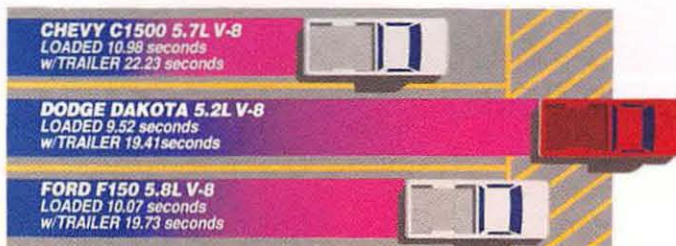
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ALABAMA Sept. 5 VANDERBILT Sept. 12 SOUTHERN MISS Sept. 19 at Arkansas Sept. 26 LOUISIANA TECH Oct. 3 SOUTH CAROLINA Oct. 10 at Tulane Oct. 17 at Tennessee Oct. 24 OLE MISS Nov. 7 at LSU Nov. 14 at Mississippi St. Nov. 26 AUBURN	FLORIDA Sept. 12 KENTUCKY Sept. 19 at Tennessee Oct. 1 at Mississippi St. Oct. 10 LSU Oct. 17 AUBURN Oct. 24 LOUISVILLE Oct. 31 *GEORGIA Nov. 7 SOUTHERN MISS Nov. 14 SOUTH CAROLINA Nov. 21 at Vanderbilt Nov. 28 at Florida State *at Jacksonville, Fla.	GEORGIA Sept. 5 at South Carolina Sept. 12 TENNESSEE Sept. 19 CAL-ST FULLERTON Sept. 26 OLE MISS Oct. 3 at Arkansas Oct. 10 GEORGIA SOUTHERN Oct. 17 VANDERBILT Oct. 24 at Kentucky Oct. 31 *FLORIDA Nov. 14 at Auburn Nov. 28 GEORGIA TECH *at Jacksonville, Fla.	KENTUCKY Sept. 5 CENTRAL MICHIGAN Sept. 12 at Florida Sept. 19 INDIANA Sept. 26 SOUTH CAROLINA Oct. 3 at Ole Miss Oct. 17 at LSU Oct. 24 GEORGIA Oct. 31 MISSISSIPPI ST. Nov. 7 VANDERBILT Nov. 14 at Cincinnati Nov. 21 at Tennessee	LOUISIANA TECH Sept. 5 SW LOUISIANA Sept. 12 at Georgia Sept. 19 FLORIDA Sept. 26 CINCINNATI Oct. 3 at LSU Oct. 10 ARKANSAS Oct. 17 ALABAMA Oct. 31 at South Carolina Nov. 14 at Memphis State Nov. 21 KENTUCKY Nov. 28 VANDERBILT	MISSISSIPPI STATE Sept. 5 at Texas Sept. 12 LSU Sept. 19 at Memphis State Sept. 26 *Cal State Fullerton Oct. 3 FLORIDA Oct. 10 AUBURN Oct. 17 at South Carolina Oct. 31 at Kentucky Nov. 7 ARKANSAS Nov. 14 ALABAMA Nov. 28 at Ole Miss *at Los Angeles, Calif.	TENNESSEE Sept. 5 at Alabama Sept. 12 OLE MISS Sept. 19 at Auburn Oct. 3 WAKE FOREST Oct. 10 at Georgia Oct. 17 at South Carolina Oct. 24 at Texas A&M Nov. 7 at Navy Nov. 14 FLORIDA Nov. 28 TENNESSEE	VANDERBILT Sept. 5 at Alabama Sept. 12 OLE MISS Sept. 19 at Auburn Oct. 3 WAKE FOREST Oct. 10 at Georgia Oct. 17 at South Carolina Oct. 24 at Texas A&M Nov. 7 at Navy Nov. 14 FLORIDA Nov. 28 TENNESSEE
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1992 COLLEGE SCHEDULES

SWC SCHEDULES

BAYLOR Sept. 5 LOUISIANA TECH Sept. 12 COLORADO Sept. 19 UTAH STATE Sept. 26 at Texas Tech Oct. 3 SMU Oct. 10 at TCU Oct. 17 HOUSTON Oct. 24 at Texas A&M Nov. 7 GEORGIA TECH Nov. 14 at Rice Nov. 21 TEXAS	TEXAS Sept. 5 MISSISSIPPI STATE Sept. 12 at Syracuse Sept. 26 NORTH TEXAS Oct. 3 at Rice Oct. 10 OKLAHOMA at Dallas Oct. 24 HOUSTON Oct. 31 at Texas Tech Nov. 7 at TCU Nov. 14 SMU Nov. 21 at Baylor Nov. 26 TEXAS A&M	TEXAS A&M Aug. 26 *STANFORD Sept. 5 at LSU Sept. 12 TULSA Sept. 19 at Missouri Oct. 3 TEXAS TECH Oct. 17 RICE Oct. 24 BAYLOR Oct. 31 at SMU Nov. 7 LOUISVILLE Nov. 12 at Houston Nov. 21 TCU Nov. 26 at Texas at Anaheim, Calif.	TEXAS TECH Sept. 3 OKLAHOMA Sept. 12 WYOMING Sept. 19 at Oregon Sept. 26 BAYLOR Oct. 3 at Texas A&M Oct. 10 at N. C. State Oct. 24 SMU Oct. 31 TEXAS Nov. 7 at Rice Nov. 14 at TCU Nov. 21 HOUSTON	TCU Sept. 5 at New Mexico Sept. 12 WESTERN MICHIGAN Sept. 19 OKLAHOMA STATE Sept. 26 at SMU Oct. 10 BAYLOR Oct. 17 at Miami (FL) Oct. 24 RICE Oct. 31 at Houston Nov. 7 TEXAS Nov. 14 TEXAS TECH Nov. 21 at Texas A&M
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OTHER SELECTED SCHOOLS

AIR FORCE Sept. 5 RICE Sept. 12 HAWAII Sept. 19 at Wyoming Sept. 26 NEW MEXICO Oct. 3 at UTEP Oct. 10 NAVY Oct. 17 COLORADO ST. Oct. 24 at San Diego St. Oct. 31 UTAH Nov. 7 at Army Nov. 14 BRIGHAM YOUNG	CINCINNATI Sept. 5 PENN STATE Sept. 19 at Miami of Ohio Sept. 26 at Tennessee Oct. 3 KENT Oct. 10 at Memphis State Oct. 17 at East Carolina Oct. 24 at So. Mississippi Oct. 31 LOUISVILLE Nov. 7 RUTGERS Nov. 14 KENTUCKY Nov. 21 AKRON	EAST CAROLINA Sept. 5 SYRACUSE Sept. 12 VIRGINIA TECH Sept. 19 at South Carolina Sept. 26 at Bowling Green Oct. 10 at Duke Oct. 17 CINCINNATI Oct. 24 at Pittsburgh Oct. 29 SOUTHERN MISS. Nov. 7 at West Virginia Nov. 14 ARKANSAS ST. Nov. 21 at Memphis State	LOUISIANA TECH Sept. 5 at Baylor	LOUISVILLE Sept. 5 at Ohio State Sept. 12 MEMPHIS STATE Sept. 19 at Arizona State Sept. 26 WYOMING Oct. 3 SYRACUSE Oct. 10 VIRGINIA TECH Oct. 17 TULSA Oct. 24 at Florida Oct. 31 at Cincinnati Nov. 7 at Texas A&M Nov. 14 at Pittsburgh	MEMPHIS STATE Sept. 5 at So. Mississippi Sept. 12 at Louisville Sept. 19 MISSISSIPPI ST. Sept. 26 ARKANSAS Oct. 10 CINCINNATI Oct. 17 ARKANSAS STATE Oct. 24 at Tulsa Oct. 31 at Tulane Nov. 7 at North Carolina	MISSISSIPPI STATE Sept. 5 at Texas Sept. 12 LSU Sept. 19 at Memphis State Sept. 26 *Cal State Fullerton Oct. 3 FLORIDA Oct. 10 AUBURN Oct. 17 at South Carolina Oct. 31 at Kentucky Nov. 7 ARKANSAS Nov. 14 ALABAMA Nov. 28 at Ole Miss *at Los Angeles, Calif.	SOUTH CAROLINA Sept. 5 GEORGIA Sept. 12 ARKANSAS Sept. 19 EAST CAROLINA Sept. 26 at Kentucky Oct. 3 at Alabama Oct. 17 MISSISSIPPI ST. Oct. 24 at Vanderbilt Oct. 31 TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE Sept. 5 at North Carolina Sept. 12 MICHIGAN Sept. 19 at Michigan State Sept. 26 PURDUE Oct. 3 STANFORD Oct. 10 at Pittsburgh Oct. 24 BYU Oct. 31 at Navy Nov. 7 BOSTON COLLEGE Nov. 14 PENN STATE Nov. 28 at USC	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI Sept. 5 MEMPHIS STATE Sept. 12 at Alabama Sept. 19 LOUISIANA TECH Sept. 26 at Auburn Oct. 3 TULSA Oct. 10 at Northern Illinois Oct. 15 at Tulane Oct. 24 CINCINNATI Oct. 29 at East Carolina Nov. 7 at Florida Nov. 14 at Virginia Tech	NAVY Sept. 12 VIRGINIA Sept. 19 at Boston College Sept. 26 RUTGERS Oct. 3 at North Carolina	NEW MEXICO Sept. 5 at Air Force Sept. 12 at Duke Sept. 19 SAM HOUSTON ST. Sept. 26 TEXAS Oct. 3 SMU Oct. 10 at Texas A&M Oct. 17 at TCU Oct. 24 at Texas Tech Nov. 7 TEXAS TECH Nov. 14 BAYLOR Nov. 21 NAVY Nov. 28 at Houston	SMU Sept. 5 TULANE Sept. 12 NORTH TEXAS Sept. 19 at New Mexico Sept. 26 TCU Oct. 3 at Baylor Oct. 10 at Rice Oct. 24 at Texas Tech Oct. 31 TEXAS A&M Nov. 7 HOUSTON Nov. 14 at Texas Nov. 21 at Arkansas
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RUTGERS RENAISSANCE

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great opportunity. I think the Big East will help everybody, but Rutgers is going to get helped a lot."

To be heard over the din of "new-and-improved" claims, Rutgers must win and go to bowl games. Last year was nice, with the fast start and promising play of youngsters. But nice doesn't get coaches long-term contracts. Graber needs to win. Now. "We have to get over the hump this year and win games we didn't in the past," Graber says. "We have to play in a bowl. That's the next step. And then we have to do it a couple of years in a row."

You don't talk talent at Rutgers without mentioning Fortay. Everybody thought the Miami name would help its new Big East comrades, but who could have imagined a quarterback lend-lease program? Fortay outplayed Torretta during three pre-season scrimmages last August, completing 28-of-47 passes for 417 yards (to Torretta's 18-for-44 and 185). "I beat out Torretta badly," Fortay says. "It was ugly."

So, he called Graber. Fortay traded another year of inactivity for a chance to prove he is indeed the league's best quarterback.

"It was a crushing blow when I was told I was number two," Fortay says. "Gino and I were called into coach Erickson's office, and Gino thought he was going to be number two. I was shocked. When you have something that crushes you like that, you tend to want to go home."

At first, Fortay's overdose of self-confidence didn't play too well with the other Knights. He was quoted in a local paper during his first week at Rutgers as saying he was the best quarterback on campus. You won't find that strategy in many books on how to make friends. But Fortay has toned the self-promotion down and has been accepted by his teammates.

"There were a lot of guys at first who said, 'who is this guy?'" says Rutgers wide receiver Jim Guarantano. "But he gets along with everybody. He's a winner, and you can see it. He hasn't taken a snap yet, but he's a leader. That's what we need."

"We were a young team last year, and the guys didn't know how to win. It's that simple. We hit the four-game losing streak and couldn't bounce back from week-to-week."

Graber insists that Fortay will have to beat out senior Derek McCord and freshman Ray Lucas for the starting quarterback job, but let's be serious. If the kid is anywhere near as good as he's supposed

to be, the Knights are looking at a legitimate Heisman candidate in '93. Memo to sports information director Peter Kowalski: Crank up the hype machine.

"I'm going to win here," Fortay asserts. "I'll do whatever it takes. But if I end up throwing for 3,000 yards, I don't want people to call me the savior. Coach Graber and his staff have done it. I'm just the guy under center."

"Fortay will be charged with revitalizing an offense that stammered much of last year. Rutgers managed only 113.1 rushing yards a game (a pitiful 2.9 yards/carry) and scored but 19.7 points a game. The chief culprit in the offensive brown-out was the offensive line, which Graber admits must improve substantially this year."

It should. Scott Vaughn, a 300-pound home-grown monster, transferred to Rutgers from Clemson and should fit in nicely at one tackle. Ricky Ortiz, a 300-pound JUCO import and another Jersey kid, is expected to fill a hole at guard. "We like to say they're Jersey kids coming home," Graber says. More help will come from sophomore Ken Dammann, who started the last three games at tackle, and was "dominant," according to Graber.

The skill folks are pretty good. Halfback Antoine Moore (627 yards rushing) and wideout Guarantano (league-best 62 receptions) should complement Fortay quite well. There is depth in the backfield and some young speed outside.

He doesn't have to worry about the defense. It ranked 27th nationally and second in the Big East (behind Miami, of course) in total defense. Nine starters return, including standout senior outside linebacker Shawn Williams (79 tackles, 13 sacks). The front seven should be strong, but depth is needed in the defensive backfield, particularly at cornerback.

"We're not young at all on defense," Williams says. "We have a lot of people back who have played in big games. We play an attacking style of defense. We like to get after people."

That philosophy has carried into the recruiting arena, as well. Rutgers has now had three straight strong seasons of attracting high school seniors, and has focused primarily on New Jersey kids. Williams and Guarantano are local products, as were 75 others on the roster in 1991. That number should be even larger this year. "Rutgers has not been a viable program for great athletes in New Jersey," Graber says. "They've historically gone every place else — all over the country — because we couldn't compete. Now, we can compete."

But not win. Rutgers still isn't landing the big ones. The top five Jersey recruits disappointed Rutgers on signing day. One, all-state running back Jason Collins, made an oral commitment to the Knights and then rescinded it and headed for Penn State. Despite a good overall class, Rutgers must improve if it wants a spot in the big time.

"There are 20 blue-chippers who come out of this state every year," Graber says. "If we could ever get 18 of them, and a couple from other states we could be a national program."

"Give Graber credit for one thing. Few top recruits dismiss Rutgers altogether. The school may still be losing out but those guys didn't even come for a visit five years ago. 'A lot of guys are excited about the new conference,' Guarantano says. 'That's what they were leaving for in the past.'"

Williams agrees. "The kids from New Jersey have always wanted to go to Rutgers, because it has beautiful facilities and a great campus. This is one of the best two or three states for high school talent in the country."

How well Rutgers mines that lode is another story. Graber hopes the Big East, which covers a geographic area that includes 33 percent of the nation's television sets, can do for Rutgers football what it did for Seton Hall, Connecticut and Villanova basketball.

"As the Big East plays more on TV, it can become a great conference, with strength throughout," Graber says. "Right now, there are two great teams in the Big East and a bunch of teams trying to jump up there to third. We may have more potential than any of them, if you look at the resources we have."

Rutgers may well win eight games this year and head to a minor bowl, but will anyone care? Graber says his mailbox is packed with congratulatory letters from alumni and fans. He's optimistic. Is any one else?

"We live in a funny part of the country," Fortay says. "My grandmother used to work here, and we could go to the basketball games for free. I could have sat next to the head coach back then. Now, they've won a few games, created some excitement, and you can't buy a ticket."

"The students and fans want to see something exciting. They want to see offense. If we're 4-0 going into the Penn State game, it's going to be electric at the Meadowlands. They'll all come out of the woodwork."

Graber and Fortay hope to give them a reason to stay out. □